

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To declare a moratorium on the immigration of certain alien workers, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Declaration of Policy. The Congress of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia finds and declares the following:

3 (1) It is now, and always has been, essential to the economy of
4 the Federated States of Micronesia ("FSM") that FSM citizens be given
5 preference in employment in all occupations and industries in the
6 Federated States.

7 (2) Despite the increased availability of qualified and trained
8 FSM citizens for many occupations and industries in the FSM, the number
9 of noncitizen alien workers employed in the FSM in occupations and
10 industries for which there are trained FSM citizen workers has steadily
11 increased over the past few years.

12 (3) The increased employment of noncitizen alien workers in
13 occupations and industries in which citizen workers could and should be
14 employed is detrimental to the economy and living conditions of the
15 citizens of the FSM.

16 (4) Due to the over-employment of noncitizen alien workers in
17 occupations and industries in the FSM for which there are trained
18 citizen workers, the public interest requires that the employment of
19 noncitizen alien workers in such occupations and industries be limited

1 so as not to impair the wages, working conditions, and living
2 conditions of FSM citizens.

3 (5) Current regulations implementing the labor laws of the FSM
4 are outdated and obsolete and must be revised and updated to meet the
5 needs of the FSM.

6 Section 2. Moratorium on Entry of Noncitizen Workers.

7 (1) Within sixty (60) days of this act becoming law, the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall, by regulation
9 issued pursuant to section 102(1) of title 17 of the Code of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia, declare those specific occupations and
11 industries in the FSM for which there are insufficient qualified and
12 trained FSM citizens. Thereafter, the entry of noncitizens into the
13 FSM for the purpose of employment shall be strictly limited to entry
14 for employment in those occupations and industries for which there are
15 insufficient FSM citizen workers, as declared by the President. The
16 list of specific occupations and industries for which there are
17 insufficient qualified and trained FSM citizens shall be updated
18 annually by regulation by the President.

19 (2) The entry of noncitizens into the FSM for the purpose of
20 employment in occupations and industries in the FSM shall be strictly
21 limited and shall be in strict accordance with the provisions of titles
22 50 and 51 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

23 (3) A noncitizen of the FSM shall not be granted an alien
24 worker's entry permit or nonresident worker's identification
25 certificate unless, by law, treaty or other written agreement, FSM

1 citizens are accorded equal or greater access to immigration and
2 working privileges in the noncitizen's home country.

3 Section 3. Within 90 days of this act becoming law, the President
4 shall issue revised and updated regulations implementing the provisions
5 of title 51 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

6 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
7 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming
8 law without such approval.

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11 Date: _____ Introduced by: _____
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