A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 509 thereof, to authorize overtime compensation to employees of the National Government for work done during certain emergencies and special operations, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 509 of title 52 of the Code of the
- 2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 10-
- 3 62, 10-118, 10-151, 11-21 and 11-52, is hereby further amended to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 "Section 509. <u>Freeze on salary increases; compensatory</u> 6 <u>time and overtime compensation.</u> Notwithstanding any
- 7 other applicable law, there is hereby enacted:
- 8 (1) a freeze on annual salary step increases of all
- 9 employees in the public service system; and
- 10 (2) compensatory time, with which employees in the
- 11 public service system shall be credited in lieu of
- 12 receiving overtime compensation as otherwise authorized
- under the National Public Service System Act and
- 14 regulations promulgated thereunder. Compensatory time
- means those hours authorized in advance and worked by
- an employee outside established work hours and for
- 17 which the employee is credited with one hour in the

1 form of leave with pay for each hour of work an 2 employee is directed to work and performs in excess of 3 the regular 40 hour workweek as provided by law. 4 Compensatory time shall be accrued by National 5 Government public service employees and shall be 6 included in the compensation received by a program 7 participant pursuant to subsection (4)(c) of section 8 506 of this chapter; except that any accumulation of 9 time in excess of 280 hours shall be forfeited unless 10 taken before the end of the calendar year in which the 11 excess was accumulated. For purposes of computing whether a program employee's accrued compensatory and 12 1.3 /or annual leave shall be included in computing the 14 280-hour ceiling.

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- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an employee shall be entitled to receive overtime differential, retroactive to the effective date of Public Law No. 9-155, as authorized under the National Public Service System Act, for:
- (a) time worked in the event that the National Governmental would be entitled to compensation for payment of such differential under section 115 of title 50 and section 416 of title 22;
- (b) time worked in the event that the National Government would be entitled to compensation for

payment of such differential through a written agreement with a legal entity that seeks to provide relief from emergency conditions, as long as the time worked is directly related to efforts to provide emergency relief, in accordance with an emergency declared by the President under article X, section 9, of teh Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia;

- (c) time worked in the event that the National Government would be entitled to compensation for payment of such differential through a written agreement with the Water Users Corporation, as long as the time worked is directly related to management and maintenance of the Capital Water System; or
 - (d) time worked as follows:

- (i) by personnel within the Division of Budget in preparation of the annual budget submission at the discretion of the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- (ii) by accounting personnel within the Division of Treasury in preparing the annual financial statements for the FSM National Government, at the descretion of teh Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration;

1 (iii) by accounting personnel within the Divisionof 2 Treasury in preparing reports pursuant to section 226 3 of title 55 of teh Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, or a successor provision, at the discretion 4 5 of the Secretary of the Department of Finance and 6 Administration. [Notwithstanding section 164 of this title, persons working hours entitling them to overtime differential pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 8 9 (3) of this section shall receive compensation at 10 straight time for those hours. 11 (iv) by employees of the National Government in 12 response to a call from the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for them to stand duty during an 13 14 emergency, or a threat of an emergency, not subsequently <u>declared</u> as an imminent emergency under 15 16 article X, section 9 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, and during special 17 18 operations undertaken by employees within the Division 19 of Police approved by the President of the Federated 20 States of Micronesia, or his designee. (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21 2.2 164 of this title, persons working hours entitling them 23 to overtime differential pursuant to paragraph (d) of 24 subsection (3) of this section shall receive compensation at straight time for those hours." 25

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         Section 2. <u>Effective Date</u>. The provisions of subsection
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     (3) (d) (iv) of this section shall be effective retroactive to
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     September 11, 2001.
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         Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
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     President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
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     becoming law without such approval.
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     Date: 6<u>/3/03</u>
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