A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 13-57, as amended, by amending Section 1 thereof to authorize the use of $500,000 to fund various consultants required for private sector development, tax reform efforts, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 13-57, as amended by Public Law No. 13-76 and 13-88, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Authorization. The President of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby authorized to utilize a portion of the proceeds of the first tranche of the FSM National Government’s portion of Private Sector Development (PSD) Program loan from the Asian Development Bank:

(a) in an amount not to exceed $180,000 for the Division of Customs and Tax Administration, within the Department of Finance and Administration, within the Department of Finance and Administration, to employ a certified tax accountant and a lawyer specializing in taxation law for the purpose of improving taxation collection and administration within the Division of Customs and Tax Administration;

(b) in an amount not to exceed $140,000 to support the work of the FSM tax reform task force and
follow up work by the Executive Steering Committee for
tax reform implementation;

   (c) in an amount not to exceed $100,000 to fund
consultancy services to pursue the Investment
Development Fund grant and for reporting requirements
under the Amended Compact;

   (d) in an amount not to exceed $15,000 for the
work of the Fuel Task Force; and

   (e) in an amount not to exceed $65,000 for
advisors in the areas of economic statistics, investment
and trade policy, and implementation of the Secured
Transactions Law.

[Each position shall be a contract position for a period
of one (1) year.] The selection criteria for each
position shall include at least equivalent
qualifications in the relevant field to those which are
set out in the eligibility criteria for the professional
premium under section 163 of the National Public Service
System Act, as amended from time to time."
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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