A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 204 to eliminate the requirement that application and renewal fees be uniform, by amending section 205 to allow for a shorter period of validity of passports for certain persons to be established by regulations, by amending section 207 to increase the amount of funds in the Passport Revolving Fund, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Section 204 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 204. Fees.
An application for a passport shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee. An application for renewal of a valid passport shall be accompanied by a fee. The President may by executive order or regulation establish different fees for application or renewal. [Such fees shall be uniform for all original applications and for all renewal applications."

2. Section 2. Section 205 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 10-140, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 205. Duration of Passports.
A passport shall be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issuance of renewal [⇒], except a shorter period of validity may be established by regulation for minors, senior citizens, and holders of official and
diplomatic passports."

Section 3. Section 207 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 207. Passport Revolving Fund.

(1) There is created and established the Passport Revolving Fund, hereinafter referred to as the 'Fund,' separate from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia and all other funds.

(2) The purpose of the Fund is to establish an ongoing revolving fund to allow appropriations for, and revenues from, the issuance and renewal of passports to be used for passport issuance and renewal.

(3) All future appropriations for, and revenues received from the issuance and renewal of passports shall be deposited in the Fund; provided, that at no time shall the total of monies in the Fund exceed [$40,000] $100,000; and provided further, that any revenues received from the issuance and renewal of passports which would cause the total amount of monies in the Fund to exceed [$40,000] $100,000 shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia; except that during the fiscal year ending in September 2006, the total amount of monies in the Fund shall not exceed $500,000. Any unexpended monies in
this Fund shall not revert to the General Fund nor lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

(4) The Fund shall be administered by the Chief of the Division of Immigration. The Chief shall, not later than 30 days after the close of each governmental fiscal year, submit to the Attorney General a complete report of the activities and condition of the Fund for the fiscal year just closed. The Attorney General shall, within 30 days of receipt of the report from the Chief, forward the report to the President and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(5) The Public Auditor shall audit the Fund at such times as the Public Auditor deems appropriated."

Section 4. 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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