



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

**PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-257**  
**FSM CONGRESS**

June 6, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker  
17<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress  
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 17-54:

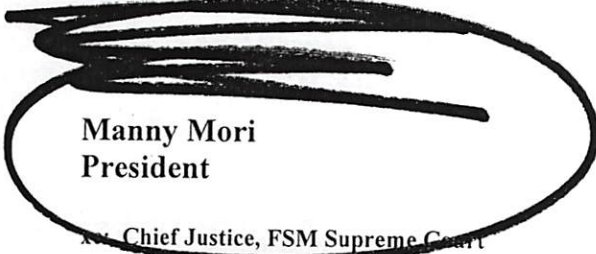
Congressional Act No. 17-53, "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-28, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO DEFINE THE RIGHTS OF NATIONALS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO ENTER, RESIDE, AND WORK IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The FSM Constitution and relevant national laws are dubious and vague when the question of rights and privileges of FSM nationals, as opposed to citizen, arises. Although the scope of this Act is limited to certain rights and privileges of FSM nationals, and while other relevant and equally compelling issues remains to be addressed (i.e. right to own land, vote, hold political office, etc.), I believe this is a necessary step toward delineating all rights and privileges of FSM nationals.

Given the taciturnity of the FSM Constitution on multiple issues of FSM national, it falls on the shoulder of FSM leadership to ascertain that the rights and privileges of FSM nationals are clarified and reduced in written national law. In that connection, I commend Congress for taking the initiative to deal with this matter of national importance and for the effort to muster public participation and opinion on this matter through the hearings held at each state of the Federated States of Micronesia. I urge Congress to continue its good work on this matter.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

  
Manny Mori  
President

Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Acting Secretary, DOJ  
Director, SBOC  
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PIO, FSM





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SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 7 - 26, 2012

PUBLIC LAW No. 17- 54

## An Act

TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA,  
AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-28, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO  
DEFINE THE RIGHTS OF NATIONALS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
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MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: DAVID W. PANUELO

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2011

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

S.C.R. NO. 17-114 – MARCH 31, 2012

FIRST READING: APRIL 2, 2012

SECOND READING: MAY 16, 2012

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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May 21, 2012

His Excellency Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-53, "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-28, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO DEFINE THE RIGHTS OF NATIONALS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO ENTER, RESIDE, AND WORK IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
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Enclosures



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ACT NO. 17-53

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-64, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on May 16 the foregoing act passed  
Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,  
2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as  
required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution  
of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
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SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2011

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-64, C.D.1,  
C.D.2

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AN ACT

To amend title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, by adding a new chapter to define the rights of nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia to enter, reside, and work in the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding a new chapter 3 entitled "Chapter 3.  
4 FSM Nationals."

5       Section 2. Title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of  
6 Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, is hereby  
7 further amended by adding a new section 301 to read as follows:

8               "Section 301. Establishment of status of a national  
9               of the Federated States of Micronesia.

10              A person born of parents one or both of whom are  
11              citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia is a  
12              national of the Federated States of Micronesia."

13       Section 3. Title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of  
14 Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, is hereby  
15 further amended by adding a new section 302 to read as follows:

16              "Section 302. Rights and obligations.

17              To the extent permitted by the Constitution, noncitizen  
18              nationals of the Federated States of Micronesia shall

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1           have all the rights of citizens of the Federated States  
2           of Micronesia to enter, reside, and work in the  
3           Federated States of Micronesia pursuant to this Code,  
4           and any obligations associated with these rights. These  
5           rights shall be limited to such nationals as individuals  
6           and shall not entitle the dependents of such nationals  
7           to any additional rights or privileges. Such nationals  
8           shall be issued with an identification document upon  
9           presenting appropriate proof of their status to the  
10          President or his designee, and shall require no  
11          additional documentation, permit, or registration not  
12          required of citizens of the Federated States of  
13          Micronesia to establish or exercise these rights."

14   Section 4. Title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of  
15   Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, is hereby  
16   further amended by adding a new section 303 to read as follows:

17           "Section 303. Loss of status.

18           No person may be deprived of his or her status as a  
19           national of the Federated States of Micronesia except,  
20           if over 18 years of age, by making a voluntary and  
21           formal renunciation before an official of the Government  
22           of the Federated States of Micronesia."

23   Section 5. Title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of  
24   Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 15-28, is hereby  
25   further amended by adding a new section 304 to read as follows:

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1 "Section 304. Issuance of regulations. The President  
2 or his designee shall promulgate regulations consistent  
3 with the contents and intent of this chapter."

4 Section 6. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
5 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
6 becoming law without such approval. Sections 301 to 303 of  
7 title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as  
8 amended, shall become effective on January 1, 2013.

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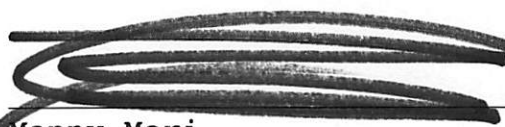
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 June 6, 2012

  
Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia