A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 224A of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 10-50 and 11-18, to do away with the submission of affidavits as supporting documents of expenses from representation and official expense allowances, to make official expense allowance as part of wages of public officials and subject to national income tax, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 224A of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 10-50 and 11-18, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 224A. Representation expenses, delegation expenses and official expense allowances - Accounting and Advances. Representation expenses [and official expense] shall be accounted for by affidavit, written contract or written receipt. Delegation expenses shall be accounted for by written contract or written receipt. Official expense allowance shall be deemed part of wages of public official and shall be subject to national income tax. The Secretary of Finance, upon specific written request containing specific justification satisfactory to the Secretary of Finance, shall make advance payments of representation expenses [and advance payments of official expense allowances] if the recipient of such advance payment agrees to submit
affidavits or receipts for actual expenditures and return to the Secretary of Finance all amounts advanced but not accounted for by affidavit, contract or receipt no later than one month after the end of the fiscal year and, upon leaving office, to return to the Secretary of Finance all amounts advanced but not expended."

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.

Date: 2/2/12

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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(by request)