



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia



June 3, 2022

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twenty-Second Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 22-265
FSM CONGRESS

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 22-115:

Congressional Act No. 22-108, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 609A OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-104, 21-120, 21-211, 21-232 AND 22-47 IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court

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His Excellency David W. Panuelo
President
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Dear President Panuelo:

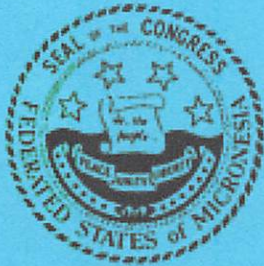
I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 22-108, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 609A OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-104, 21-120, 21-211, 21-232 AND 22-47 IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2022, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 22-265
FSM CONGRESS

TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION
MAY 4 - 23, 2022

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 609A OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC
LAWS NOS. 21-104, 21-120, 21-211, 21-232 AND 22-47 IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE
EXPIRATION DATE OF THE TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION FUND, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: MAY 12, 2022

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – MAY 13, 2022

FIRST READING: – MAY 16, 2022

SECOND READING: – MAY 17, 2022

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 22-265
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 22-108

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 22-189)

We hereby certify that on May 17 the foregoing act passed
Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Second Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2022,
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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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
May 19, 1961



PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
ON ASSASSINATIONS

May 19, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

We hereby certify that on May 17, the foregoing act passed
Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Sixth Congress of the
United States of America, known as the
by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations, required
under Article IX, Section 29, of the Constitution of the
United States of America.

Wesley E. Seligson
Speaker

House of Representatives
United States of America

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Speaker
House of Representatives
United States of America

AN ACT

To further amend section 609A of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-104, 21-120, 21-211, 21-232 and 22-47 in order to extend the expiration date of the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 609A of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by
3 Public Laws Nos. 21-104, 21-120, 21-211, 21-232 and 22-47, is
4 hereby further amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 609A. Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund.

6 (1) There is created a Tourism Sector Mitigation
7 Fund to be used to partially offset the economic
8 losses of the businesses in the tourism industry and
9 individuals working in the tourism industry who were
10 laid off in the Federated States of Micronesia during
11 the coronavirus epidemic

12 (2) Moneys for the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund
13 shall be derived from coronavirus epidemic
14 appropriations by the Congress of the Federated States
15 of Micronesia and the State legislatures, United
16 States grants, funds designated for such purposes from
17 international organizations and from any and all other
18 appropriate sources.

(3) Tourism sector businesses operating in the Federated States of Micronesia seeking relief from the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund must show tax returns from the previous year in order to establish their losses claimed under this fund. Individuals in the tourism sector, who are seeking compensation for lost wages due to being laid off as a result of the economic downturn, must submit their last paycheck stub and a statement from their employer in the tourism industry, who laid them off, evidencing their unemployment. The President shall issue regulations for equitable compensation for affected businesses, including a possible cap on the amount of a valid claim.

a) A tourism sector business will be eligible for the following relief in the relevant quarter to be calculated as follows:

(i) a rebate for reimbursement purposes equivalent to 100% of the Wages and Salaries paid by the taxpayer to the employees of the tourism sector business for personal services relating to producing the Gross Revenue for the business;

(ii) a rebate for reimbursement purposes equivalent to 100% for the Social Security contributions paid by the tourism sector business in respect of its

1 employees in the quarter pursuant to section 902 of
2 title 53 of the FSM Code (Annotated);

3 (iii) a rebate for reimbursement purposes
4 equivalent to 100% for the Gross Revenue Tax (plus any
5 penalties and interest) payable by the tourism sector
6 business in the relevant quarter pursuant to section 141
7 of title 54 of the FSM Code (Annotated);

8 (iv) a rebate for reimbursement purposes
9 equivalent to 100% for the bank interest on business
10 loans paid by the tourism sector business to an FSM
11 domiciled branch of an FSM registered bank;

12 (v) additional relief may be added per
13 regulations; and

14 (vi) businesses that can show a direct
15 economic loss as a result in the downturn experienced by
16 the tourism sector are eligible to receive assistance
17 under this section subject to the requirements under
18 609A(3)(i)-(v).

19 (4) The distributions from the funds shall be
20 managed and administered by a committee named by the
21 President comprising representatives of the
22 Departments of Resources and Development; Finance and
23 Administration; Justice; and Environment, Climate
24 Change and Emergency Management. The committee shall
25 report quarterly to Congress on the status of the fund

1 and distributions therefrom.

2 (5) For the purposes of this fund tourism sector
3 businesses shall include hotel operators, car rentals,
4 tour operators, resorts, dive shops, airlines or any
5 other tourist specific business not mentioned above.
6 Other businesses not specifically mentioned above may
7 apply for assistance under this section; PROVIDED THAT,
8 they meet the following criteria:

9 (a) They can demonstrate that their business
10 relies significantly on the supply of goods and services
11 to the tourism sector; or

12 (b) They can demonstrate that their business has
13 been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 public
14 health emergency declaration.

15 (6) The Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund shall
16 expire on December 31, 2022. Any unexpended funds
17 shall lapse into the FSM Trust Fund."

1 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval

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June 03, 2022

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David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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