

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 306 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Laws Nos. 18-12, 18-25, 18-57 and 23-30, in order to restore State responsibility of implementing infrastructure projects for the Nation in the respective States of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 306 of Title 55 of the Code of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public  
3 Laws Nos. 18-12, 18-25, 18-57 and 23-30, is hereby further  
4 amended, to read as follows:

5           "Section 306. Plan For the Division of Annual Economic  
6 Assistance:

7           (1) The President shall consolidate the Compact  
8 Budget Requests of all of the States and the National  
9 Government, conforming with the requirements of Section  
10 103 of this title, into the Plan for the Division of  
11 Annual Economic Assistance.

12           (2) The President shall make no modification to a  
13 State's Compact Budget Request in the consolidation  
14 process, [~~EXCEPT THAT each State Government's budget~~  
15 ~~for the infrastructure sector shall be moved to, and~~  
16 ~~consolidated with the National Government's budget for~~  
17 ~~those purposes. The Secretary of Transportation,~~  
18 ~~Communications and Infrastructure is hereby authorized~~

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1           ~~to, and shall within thirty (30 days) of this Act~~  
2           ~~becoming law, issue and promulgate rules and~~  
3           ~~regulations implementing the process under which the~~  
4           ~~National Government will make Sub-Grants of~~  
5           ~~infrastructure sector Compact funds to the State~~  
6           ~~Governments, and upon approval by the President, these~~  
7           ~~rules and regulations shall have the force and effect~~  
8           ~~of law.~~

9           ~~(3) No other modification to a State's Compact~~  
10          ~~Budget Request, than as described in subsection (2) is~~  
11          ~~permitted without the prior consent of the relevant~~  
12          ~~State Government,] except to the extent that such~~  
13          Compact Budget Request exceeds the estimated levels of  
14          Compact funding available to that State Government  
15          pursuant to Section 304 of this chapter.

16          (3)~~(4)~~ No later than July 3 of the year  
17          preceding a given Fiscal Year, the President shall  
18          transmit to Congress and each State Government its Plan  
19          for the Division of Annual Economic Assistance.”  
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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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5 Date: 1/8/24

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence

Quincy Lawrence  
(by request)

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