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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-74
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The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
Twenty-Third Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
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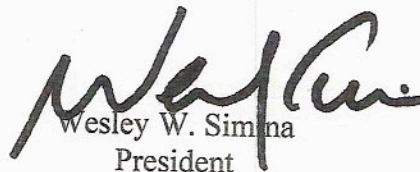
Dear Speaker Moses:

I am transmitting the following act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 23-15:

Congressional Act No. 23-15, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 304, 305 AND 308 OF TITLE 50 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-134, TO REMOVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE FSM, AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO REINSTATE COVID-19 VACCINATION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY REGULATIONS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I thank the 23rd FSM Congress for the passage of this important amendment.

Sincerely,


Wesley W. Simina
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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His Excellency Wesley W. Simina
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Simina:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 23-15, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 304, 305 AND 308 OF TITLE 50 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-134, TO REMOVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE FSM, AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO REINSTATE COVID-19 VACCINATION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY REGULATIONS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2023, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-76
FSM CONGRESS

TWENTY- THIRD CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 10 - 19, 2023

An Act

TO AMEND SECTIONS 304, 305 AND 308 OF TITLE 50 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-134, TO REMOVE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE FSM, AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO REINSTATE COVID-19 VACCINATION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY REGULATIONS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: QUINCY LAWRENCE (BY REQUEST)

DATE: MAY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WITHDRAWN - JULY 17, 2023

FIRST READING: JULY 17, 2023

SECOND READING: JULY 18, 2023

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-76
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 23-15

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-06)

We hereby certify that on July 18 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2023, 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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Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Reyes".

Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-06

AN ACT

To amend sections 304, 305 and 308 of title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as enacted by Public Law No. 22-134, to remove the COVID-19 Vaccination mandate for all persons entering the FSM, authorize the Department of Health and Social Affairs to reinstate COVID-19 vaccination entry requirements by regulations, to make technical changes, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 304 of title 50 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 304. Scope of COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements.

5 (1) The Secretary of the Department of Health and
6 Social Affairs shall have the authority to mandate by
7 regulation COVID-19 Vaccination requirements for all
8 persons entering the FSM, including FSM citizens and
9 nationals, non-citizens, nonresident workers, diplomats
10 and ambassadors, crew on vessels or aircraft, and
11 contractual personnel of foreign governments and
12 governmental regional or international organizations.

13 (2) COVID-19 vaccine requirements shall not apply to
14 transient passengers that remain at an FSM port of
15 entry."

16 Section 2. Section 305 of title 50 of the Code of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to

1 read as follows:

2 "Section 305. COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for
3 Entry.

4 (1) The Secretary of Justice, or his designee, shall
5 enforce all COVID-19 vaccination and booster
6 requirements, established through regulation by the
7 Secretary of Health pursuant to his authority under
8 Title 41 of the Code of the FSM, at all ports of entry,
9 including not limited to:

10 (a) Type of COVID vaccine and booster shorts
11 acceptable for entry into the FSM; and

12 (b) Waiting period requirements after receiving
13 the COVID-19 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) vaccine and
14 booster entry shorts to be considered fully vaccinated
15 prior to entry."

16 Section 3. Section 308 of title 50 of the Code of Federated
17 States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

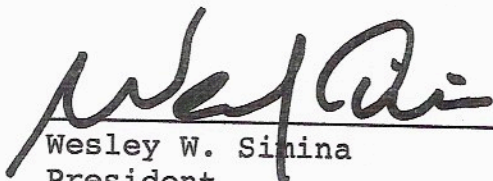
19 "Section 308. Regulations Authority.

20 The Secretary of Justice, or his designee, shall
21 promulgate and publish such rules and regulations as
22 necessary to enforce the COVID-19 vaccine requirements
23 under sections 305, 306 and 307 at all ports of entry
24 into the FSM in accordance with Chapter 1 of Title 17 of
25 the Code of the FSM. The Secretary of Justice shall

1 coordinate with the Secretary of Health and the relevant
2 departments or agencies to implement regulations under
3 this Act prior to any agency action. The Department of
4 Health and Department of Justice shall notify all state
5 government health authorities 30 business days in
6 advance of any proposed regulations under this Act. The
7 Secretary of Health shall have the authority to enact
8 regulations to implement this Act pursuant to his
9 authority under title 41 of the Code of the FSM"

10 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
11 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
12 becoming law without such approval.

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21 Wesley W. Sinina
22 President
23 Federated States of Micronesia
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