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CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-06

P.C. NO. 23-76

PUBLIC LAW 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.

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
- 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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16	<u>July 28</u> , 2023
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20	/s/ Wesley W. Simina Wesley W. Simina
21	President
22	Federated States of Micronesia
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