
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 609A, for the purpose of establishing a temporary tourism sector mitigation relief fund to alleviate some of the economic loss felt by the tourism industry during the coronavirus epidemic, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is
3 hereby further amended by adding a new section 609A, to read as
4 follows:

5 “Section 609A. Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund.

6 (1) There is created a Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund
7 to be used to partially offset the economic losses of
8 the businesses in the tourism industry in the Federated
9 States of Micronesia during the coronavirus epidemic.

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

1 (3) Tourism sector businesses in the Federated States
2 of Micronesia seeking relief from the Tourism Sector
3 Mitigation Fund must show tax returns from the previous
4 year in order to establish their losses claimed under
5 this fund. The President shall issue regulations for
6 equitable compensation for affected businesses,
7 including a possible cap on the amount of a valid claim.

8 (4) For the purposes of this fund tourism sector
9 businesses shall include hotel operators, car rentals,
10 tour operators, resorts, or any other tourist specific
11 business not mentioned above.

12 (5) The Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund shall expire
13 at the end of fiscal year 2021. Any unexpended funds
14 shall lapse into the Disaster Relief Fund.”

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

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19 Date: 3/6/20

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