



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-292  
FSM CONGRESS

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 19-69:

Congressional Act No. 19-70, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 115 OF TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO RAISE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM SIXTY TO SIXTY-FIVE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I welcome the efforts of Congress in addressing the mandatory retirement age, which has immediate impacts on many of our citizens and their families. Nevertheless, it is with reservation that I signed the act into law knowing that it can be improved further. I will transmit a bill for consideration by Congress soon reflecting the changes necessary in the law.

I am mindful that Congress passed the act without committee report that explained its passage, which created vagueness as far as legislative intent. I wish to take the opportunity to incorporate improvements in the act, and I invite Congress for its support to deliberate and consider the amendments in due time.

Finally, I wish to thank Congress for taking the initial steps of amending the retirement law and further invite the Members to be receptive of future refinements of the law to better serve the needs of our people.

Sincerely,

  
Peter M. Christian  
President



Enclosures:

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Secretary, Department of Justice  
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February 17, 2016

His Excellency Peter M. Christian  
President  
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-70, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 115 OF TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO RAISE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM SIXTY TO SIXTY-FIVE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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ACT NO. 19-70

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-117)

We hereby certify that on February 12 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2016, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

PUBLIC LAW No. 19-69

AN ACT

To amend section 115 of title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to raise the mandatory retirement age for National Government employees from sixty to sixty-five, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to raise  
2 the mandatory retirement age for employees of the National  
3 Government from sixty to sixty-five.

4           Section 2. Section 115 of title 52 of the Code of the  
5 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to  
6 read as follows:

7           "Section 115. Tenure.

8                   (a) Every regular employee shall be entitled to  
9 hold his position during good behavior, subject to  
10 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and  
11 to suspension, demotion, layoff, dismissal, or  
12 termination of employment through the Early  
13 Retirement Program, only as provided in this chapter  
14 or in chapter 5 of this title and in the regulations  
15 adopted in pursuance thereof; provided, however, that  
16 the tenure of a contract employee is the term of his  
17 contract; and provided further that an employee who  
18 must submit his resignation pursuant to section 207  
19 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of

