



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-575
FSM CONGRESS

March 30, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Simina:

I hereby return the following congressional act, which was repassed and became Public Law No. 19-154:

Congressional Act No. 19-150: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 219 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW SUB-ALLOTTEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DESCRIBING THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF AN EXPENDITURE, AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A LEGAL OBLIGATION IN THE CASE OF REPRESENTATION EXPENSES AND OFFICIAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE EXPENSES, WITHOUT REQUIRING SUCH SUB-ALLOTTEES TO PROVIDE OTHER FORMAL APPROVAL SUCH AS A CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Sincerely,


Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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March 29, 2017

His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-150, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 219 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ALLOW SUB-ALLOTTEES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DESCRIBING THE AMOUNT AND NATURE OF AN EXPENDITURE, AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A LEGAL OBLIGATION IN THE CASE OF REPRESENTATION EXPENSES AND OFFICIAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE EXPENSES, WITHOUT REQUIRING SUCH SUB-ALLOTTEES TO PROVIDE OTHER FORMAL APPROVAL SUCH AS A CERTIFICATION BY THE SPEAKER OF CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was repassed on March 28, by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a three-fourths 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

Enclosures

AN ACT

To amend section 219 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to allow sub-allottees who are members of Congress to submit an affidavit describing the amount and nature of an expenditure, as sufficient evidence to support a legal obligation in the case of representation expenses and official expense allowance expenses, without requiring such sub-allottees to provide other formal approval such as a certification by the Speaker of Congress, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 219 of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 219. Documentary evidence required to support
5 obligations.

6 No amount shall be recorded as an obligation of the
7 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia unless
8 it is supported by documentary evidence of:

9 (1) a binding agreement in writing, between the
10 parties thereto, including Government agencies, in a
11 manner and form and for a purpose authorized by United
12 States or Federated States of Micronesia law, executed
13 before the expiration of the period of availability for
14 obligation of the appropriation or fund concerned for
15 specific goods to be delivered, real property to be

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1 purchased or leased, or work or services to be
2 performed; or

3 (2) a valid loan agreement, showing the amount of the
4 loan to be made and the terms or schedule of repayment
5 thereof; or

6 (3) an order required by United States or Federated
7 States of Micronesia law to be placed with an agency; or

8 (4) an order issued pursuant to United States or
9 Federated States of Micronesia law authorizing purchases
10 without advertising when necessitated by public exigency
11 or for perishable subsistence supplies or within
12 specific monetary limitations; or

13 (5) a grant or subsidy payable:

14 (a) from appropriations made for payment
15 of or contributions toward sums required to be
16 paid in specific amounts fixed by United States
17 or Federated States of Micronesia law, or in
18 accordance with formulae prescribed by United
19 States or Federated States of Micronesia law, or

20 (b) pursuant to an agreement authorized
21 by, or plans approved in accordance with and
22 authorized by United States or Federated States
23 of Micronesia law; or

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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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Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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