

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending sections 301 and 303, to modify when a Member of Congress's eligibility for compensation ends and to provide a death benefit for the survivors of a deceased member, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 301 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           "Section 301. Compensation levels.

4           Upon the presentation of credentials and qualification  
5 thereof, a Member of the Congress of the Federated States of  
6 Micronesia shall be entitled to receive compensation at the  
7 rate of \$27,000 per annum as of the date his term of office  
8 begins and shall remain eligible therefor until the Member's  
9 term expires or [~~until a vacancy has been declared in his or~~  
10 ~~her office~~] he or she has been elected to the office of  
11 President or Vice President of the Federated States of  
12 Micronesia, has died, has come under judgment of mental  
13 incompetency or insanity, or has resigned or been expelled  
14 from Congress. The Speaker, upon his election as the  
15 Speaker, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the  
16 rate of \$30,000 per annum and shall remain eligible therefor  
17 [~~until a new Speaker assumes the office or until a vacancy in~~  
18 ~~the Office of the Speaker has been declared~~] as long as he or

1 she holds office as the Speaker. A Member appointed or  
2 elected to fill a vacancy in the Congress shall be entitled  
3 to receive compensation upon taking the oath of office as a  
4 Member of the Congress. The official expense allowance shall  
5 not exceed \$3,000."

6 Section 2. Section 303 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated  
7 States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 "Section 303. Sums owing to deceased Congress Member; Death  
9 Benefit.

10 (1) The surviving spouse of a Member of the Congress who  
11 dies in office shall be entitled to receive the balance of  
12 any sums owing to such Member at the time of his death, plus  
13 the lesser of

14 (a) an amount equal to eight weeks of the Member's  
15 salary; or

16 (b) the salary from the date of the Member's death to  
17 the expiration of his or her term.

18 (2) If no surviving spouse exists, the deceased [X]Member's  
19 heirs or next of kin shall receive this amount."

20 Section 3. The death benefit provided under this act shall not be  
21 deemed an increase in compensation for purposes of section 302 of  
22 title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

23 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
24 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming  
25 law without such approval.

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