

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 12-13, as amended, by amending section 2 to extend the moratorium on the immigration of certain alien workers, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Public Law No. 12-13, as amended by
2 Public Law No. 12-66, is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 2. Moratorium on Entry of Noncitizen Workers.

5 (1) Within ninety (90) days of this act becoming law,
6 and annually thereafter on January first of each year,
7 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
8 shall, upon the recommendation of the Department of
9 Economic Affairs and after consultation with each
10 State's Governor, declare those specific occupations and
11 industries in the FSM for which there are insufficient
12 trained FSM citizens. Such declaration shall be issued
13 pursuant to section 102(1) of title 17 of the Code of
14 the Federated States of Micronesia. Beginning January
15 1, 2003, such declaration shall be based on statistical
16 information ascertained by the Department of Economic
17 Affairs from relevant state and national government
18 organizations.

19 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law or pursuant to

1 the terms of any treaty, Compact, or other international
2 agreement, for a period of one year from the date of
3 enactment of this act, the entry of additional
4 noncitizen alien workers into the FSM for the purpose of
5 employment in occupations and industries in the FSM
6 shall be limited to entry for employment in those
7 occupations and industries for which there are
8 insufficient trained FSM citizen workers, as declared by
9 the President. This restriction shall apply through
10 December 13, 2002. From December 14, 2002 through
11 December 31, [~~2003~~] 2004, the entry of additional
12 noncitizen alien workers into the FSM for the purpose of
13 employment shall be limited to 'professionals', as that
14 term shall be defined in regulations issued pursuant to
15 section 102(1) of title 17 of the Code of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia.

17 (3) The entry of noncitizen alien workers into the
18 FSM for the purpose of employment, and the issuance of
19 nonresident worker's identification certificates, shall
20 be in strict accordance with the provisions of titles 50
21 and 51 of the Code of the Federated States of
22 Micronesia.

23 (4) The Chief of the Division of Immigration and
24 Labor, through the Secretary of Justice, shall report
25 bi-annually, on December first and June first of each
26 year, to the President and to the Congress, including to

1 the Chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental
2 Operations Committee of the Congress, on the total
3 number of noncitizen alien workers present in the FSM.
4 Such report shall include, at a minimum, the number of
5 such workers by nationality, industry, occupation, and
6 job title, and such other information and statistical
7 comparisons as the Chief and the Secretary deem relevant
8 to the goal of reducing the FSM's dependence on
9 noncitizen alien workers.

10 (5) Thirty (30) days prior to publication of the
11 annual
12 update of the list of specific occupations and
13 industries for which there are insufficient trained FSM
14 citizens required under subsection (1) of this section,
15 the Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs
16 shall report to the President and to the Congress on the
17 effect that any restriction on the entry of noncitizen
18 workers has had on the economy of the FSM during the
19 prior year.

20 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 1 of
21 title 51 of the Code of the Federated States of
22 Micronesia, during the period beginning December 14,
23 2002 and ending December 31, 2003:

24 (a) any nonresident worker may engage in
25 employment for an employer ('Secondary Employer') other
26 than for the employer who has contracted for the

1 employment of such nonresident worker in the Federated
2 States of Micronesia ('Primary Employer'). The
3 Secondary Employer shall engage in a temporary contract
4 for such employment with the Primary Employer. Any
5 contract for full-time employment (40 hour work-week) in
6 excess of 30 days shall be deemed a change of employers
7 for purposes of this section; and

8 (b) upon completion or termination of a contract
9 with his Primary Employer, or pursuant to paragraph (b)
10 herein, any nonresident worker may change employers.
11 Each nonresident worker seeking to change employers
12 shall provide a copy of the new contract for employment
13 to the Chief of Immigration and Labor and apply for a
14 permit from the Chief authorizing such change. The
15 Chief of Immigration and Labor shall issue such permit
16 without charge and shall not require that the
17 nonresident worker leave the Federated States of
18 Micronesia."

19 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
20 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
21 becoming law without such approval.

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23 Date: 8/25/03

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