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JINTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

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C.B. NO. <u>9-223</u>

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

O further amend title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of licronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-97, 6-50, and 6-51, by macting a new chapter 7, for the purpose of establishing a task force for the review of the Compact of Free Association, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-97, 6-50, and 6-51, is hereby further amended by adding a new chapter 7 to be entitled "Compact Review Task Force."

Section 2. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 701 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 701. Compact Review Task Force -- Established. 
There is hereby established in the Federated States of

Micronesia a Task Force to be known as the Compact Review

Task Force, hereafter called the 'Task Force'. The Task

Force shall remain in existence from the effective date of

this act until November 1, 1999, unless otherwise

shortened or extended by the Task Force or by act of the

Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia."

Section 3. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 702 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 702. Compact Review Task Force -- Purpose. -The purpose of the Task Force is to review the Compact of
Free Association, signed by the Government of the United
States and the Government of the Federated States of
Micronesia on October 1, 1982, hereafter called the
'Compact'."

Section 4. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of

Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 703 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

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"Section 703. Compact Review Task Force -- Composition.

- (1) The Task Force shall consist of one member from each State, appointed by their respective State Governor in consultation with State leadership; and two members from the National Government, one from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, appointed by the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and one appointed by the President to represent the Executive Branch.
- (2) All appointments shall be for the duration of the life of the Task Force; PROVIDED, however, that members may be removed by those who appointed them.

  Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment."

Section 5. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 704 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 704. Organizational meeting. -- The person appointed by the President shall be acting chairman, whose sole responsibility shall be to call the first meeting as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after all appointments have been made. At the first meeting of the Task Force, a chairman, a vice chairman and any other

elected from among the members of the Task Force by

majority vote, and may be removed by majority vote of the

Task Force. Officers shall hold office for one year and

may be re-elected any number of times."

Section 6. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 705 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 705. Staff. -- The Task Force may be supported by a staff consisting of the following:

- (1) an executive director;
- (2) an economist;
- (3) an attorney;
- (4) a secretary; and
- (5) other staff deemed necessary by the Task Force."

Section 7. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 706 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 706. Task Force -- Meetings; Quorum. -- The

Task Force shall meet quarterly or more often at the call

of the Chairman or by a majority of the Task Force at such

place and time as the Chairman or that majority of the

Task Force, as the case may be, shall designate. A quorum

shall consist of four members of the Task Force."

Section 8. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of

Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 707 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

## "Section 707. Compensation.

- compensation at the rate of \$75.00 per day when actually on the business of the Task Force; PROVIDED, however, that members of the Task Force who are government employees shall not be entitled to receive any compensation. For the purpose of this section, "government employees" includes, but is not limited to, employees of those government agencies or entities created and funded by National or State laws.
- (2) All members and staff of the Task Force shall be entitled to travel expenses at the standard Federated

  States of Micronesia rate when traveling on business for the Task Force."
- Section 9. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 708 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

## "Section 708. Budget.

- (1) The executive director shall prepare in advance of each fiscal year an annual budget for review and approval by the Task Force and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.
  - (2) Budgets for each fiscal year for the Task Force

shall be submitted to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 10. Title 10 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby further amended by adding a new section 709 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

"Section 709. Reports. -- The Task Force shall report to the President, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Governors of each State, on a quarterly basis."

Section 11. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 6/03/96

Introduced by: