TENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CHUUK

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, SEPTEMBER, 2009

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ACT NO: 10-11

AN ACT

Amending Section 11 of TSL No. 5-119, as amended by CSL No. 191-C4, repealing Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 of TSL No. 5-119, as amended by CSL No. 191-04, inserting new Sections 11-A to D; imposing tax on services at a uniform rate of 5%, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 Section 1. Purpose. This act is to amend TSL No. 5-119, § 11, 12, 13 and 14, as 2 amended by imposing and declaring a uniform tax on all kinds of services or sales of 3 services. Section 2. Service Tax. A Service tax of five (5%) percent of the value of the 4 services price received in relation to and in connection with procuring buying or 5 6 purchasing of the following services which shall be payable by the person receiving the 7 services, except as specifically provided: 1) Lease of office dwelling place and land lease and other space, 8 9 occupancy of a hotel, motel, apartment room, lodging room or occupation lease agreement; 10 2) Admission fees imposed by operators of theaters, theaters, cinemas, 11 swimming pools, resorts and other amusement centers; 12 3) Video tape, DVD, CD or film rental; 13 14 4) Cruise or tour ships and dive shops; 5) Air and sea transportation services. Service Tax imposed on air and 15 sea transportation services shall be for outgoing passengers of Chuuk 16 where their final destination of outside of the FSM irrespective of 17 where payment of the service is made; 18 6) Professional services; 19 20 7) Motor vehicle rental' 8) Boat Rental tax; 21 9) Construction services; 22

10) Money sending or receiving companies except banks or banking institutions and insurance companies; and

3 Section 3. <u>Amendment</u>. Section of TSL No. 5-119 as amended, is further
4 amended by providing a new Section 11-A to read as follows:

5 "Section 11-A. Imposition of services tax. Notwithstanding any provision 6 to the contrary, the service tax imposed by Section 11 2, shall be paid by this 7 customer, person, company or entity obtaining the services, which shall be 8 collected by the person, company or entity providing the services."

9 Section 4. <u>Amendment</u>. Section 11 of TSL No. 5-119 as amended, is further 10 amended by adding a new Section 11-B to read as follows:

"Section 11-B. <u>Payment of service tax</u>. Notwithstanding any provision to
the contrary, payment of service tax imposed by Section 11, shall be made within
the first 15 days of the month following any payment of services."

Section 5. <u>Amendment</u>. Section 11 of TSL No. 5-119 as amended, is further
 amended by adding a new Section 11-C to read as follows:

16 "Section 11-C. Withholding of services tax by the Chuuk State 17 Government its agencies authorities, boards, bureaus, and commissions entity 18 authorized in writing by the Department of Administrative Services. 19 Notwithstanding and provision to the contrary, services provided to Chuuk State 20 Government which requires payment of service tax, such tax shall be withheld 21 and deducted by any payments of the services rendered by the Department of 22 Administrative Services or its successor."

Section 6. <u>Repealer</u>. Sections 12, 13, and 14 of TSL No. 5-119, as amended, are
hereby repealed in their entireties.

25 Section 7. <u>Penalties</u>. Taxpayers providing services as imposed by Section 2 of 26 this Act who knowingly or unlawfully fail to collect the service tax or remit any service 27 tax collected in accordance with this Act shall upon conviction be imprisoned for a period 28 of not less than six (6) months but not more than five (5) years or fined an amount of not 29 less than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000, or both.

30 Section 8. <u>Current Contracts or Agreements Excepted</u>. Existing contracts or 31 agreements between providers of services and users of services as intended under this Act

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and excepted from the applicability of this Act for the duration of those contracts or agreements. This Act shall apply to such contracts or agreements upon their renewal.

3 Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Act, or its application is held 4 unlawful, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the other provisions shall not be 5 affected and to this end this Act is severable.

6 Section 10. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Act shall take effect upon approval by the
7 Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by:

Singkoro Harper, Speaker House of Representatives Chuuk State Legislature

281 Date:

Signed by:

Approved by:

y: Mark Mailo, President

Senate Chuuk State Legislature

Attested:

Herter Sorim, Chief Clerk House of Representatives Chuuk State Legislature

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Songkinita Bossy, Chief Clerk Senate V Chuuk State Legislature

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Date: Oct. 29,2009

Wesley W. Simina, Governor Chuuk State Government Chuuk State

Nov. 9, 2009 Date:

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