FOURTEENTH CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE CSL NO. 14-17-04

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, APRIL, 2017 ACT NO. 14-04

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**AN ACT**

Amending Section 4 of Chuuk State Law No. 13-15-07 (The Kuop Atoll Marine Protected Area) to set a timeline for the Governor to submit progress reports to the legislature and Section 7 by increasing the number of atoll owners' representatives on the MPA Advisory Committee, and adding a representative from the Uman municipality government, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 4 of Chuuk State Law No. 13-15-07 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 4. Progress Reports.The Governor shall submit to the legislature a written report on the progress of the negotiation within 120 days after the effective date of this Act. Thereafter, the Governor shall present to the legislature a final report on the ultimate outcome of the negotiation not later than 12 months after the effective date of this Act.”

Section 2. Amendment. Section 7 of Chuuk State Law No. 13-15-07 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. MPA Advisory Committee. A marine protected area advisory committee is hereby created to promulgate policies and regulations to afford the MPA with effective protection and management. Such policies and regulations shall be designed in consultation with the atoll owners and shall take into consideration the rights of the atoll owners for quiet enjoyment of their properties within the MPA. The committee shall endeavor to register the MPA with international conservation organization and other related entities as appropriate. The Director of the Department of Marine Resources shall serve as the chairman of the committee consisting of the following members:

(a) Director, Department of Public Safety;

(b) Executive Director, Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency;

(c) Representative from the Chuuk Conservation Society;

(d) Executive Director, Chuuk Visitors Bureau;

(e) Representative, Chuuk Women Council;

(f) 4 representing the atoll owners; and

(g) 1 representing the Uman municipal government appointed by the mayor.”

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: /s/ Mark Mailo

Mark Mailo, President

House of Senate

14th Chuuk State Legislature

Attested:

­ /s/ Songkinita Bossy Date: 9/28/17

Songkinita Bossy, Chief Clerk

House of Senate

14th Chuuk State Legislature

Signed by: /s/ Innocente I. Oneisom

Innocente I. Oneisom, Speaker

House of Representatives

14th Chuuk State Legislature

Attested:

/s/ Florence P. Stanley Date: 9/28/17

Florence P. Stanley, Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

14th Chuuk State Legislature

Approved by: /s/ Johnson Elimo

Johnson Elimo, Governor

Chuuk State Government

Date: 10/03/17

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