

AN ACT

To create the Truk Visitors Bureau, and to provide for its organization, terms of office, powers and duties, to provide the source of funds for its initial operation, to repeal TSL No. 22-20, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Truk State:

1 Section 1. Findings and Declaration of Policy. The Truk State Legis-
2 lature finds that tourism is an important developing industry, and has great
3 potential as a source of business and employment opportunities for the resi-
4 dents of the State of Truk. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
5 Truk State Government that the development of the tourist industry will be
6 encouraged and in order to provide for the orderly development of this indus-
7 try and to realize its full potential, it is necessary to utilize Truk's
8 tourist oriented business, government and community leaders in a concerted
9 and unified manner.

10 Section 2. Creation. The Truk Visitors Bureau, hereinafter referred
11 to as the "Visitors Bureau", is hereby created.

12 Section 3. Governing Body. The Visitors Bureau shall be governed by
13 a Board of Directors, to be composed of nine (9) members, five (5) of whom
14 shall be appointed by the Governor of Truk State with the advice and consent
15 of the Truk State Legislature, and four (4) of whom shall be appointed by the
16 Speaker of the Truk State Legislature. Of the nine (9) members appointed by
17 the Governor and the Speaker, five (5) shall be from the private sector-tourist
18 oriented businesses and four (4) shall be selected from among the people of
19 Truk State. The Director of the State Department of Resources and Development
20 shall be the technical staff of the Board until the Executive Director of the
21 Bureau is appointed by the Board.

22 Section 4. Term of Office. Term of office for all members of the Board o.
23 Directors shall be two (2) years. Vacancies on the Board due to illness,
24 death or resignation shall be filled in the same manner as initially filled,
25 and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the affected member.
26 Any member may be removed from the Board for good cause, as determined by the
27 affirmative votes of five (5) members of the Board, taken during a quorumed
28 meeting of the Board.

1 Section 5. Compensation of Board Members. All members of the Board
2 of Directors of the Visitors Bureau shall be entitled to compensation, or
3 allowance in lieu of compensation, as provided by law for boards and commis-
4 sions, when actually performing their official duties as members of the
5 Board at the direction of the Board; PROVIDED, that those members who are
6 employees of the national and state governments and who attend meetings of
7 the Board during their government regular working hours shall not be entitled
8 to compensation or allowance other than their respective government salary.

9 Section 6. Organization Meeting. Within thirty (30) days after the
10 confirmation of the members of the Board, the State Director of the Depart-
11 ment of Resources and Development shall call the first meeting of the Board
12 and preside over that meeting. At the first meeting, the Board shall elect
13 from among its members a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and a Secretary.
14 The Board may also elect other officers as it shall deem necessary. The
15 Board shall meet at least once every quarter at a time and place to be de-
16 termined by the Chairman. The Chairman may also call additional meetings
17 of the Board as he shall deem necessary, or upon the petition of five (5)
18 members of the Board.

19 Section 7. Quorum. Six (6) members of the Board shall constitute
20 a quorum of the meetings of the Board, and the concurrence of the majority
21 of the members of the Board shall be necessary for official action of the
22 Board; provided, a quorum is present during the taking of such action. The
23 Chairman of the Board shall be the Executive representative of the Bureau and
24 its certifying officer.

25 Section 8. Executive Director. The day to day activities of the
26 Bureau shall be supervised and managed by an Executive Director, who shall
27 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall
28 provide such staff and clerical employees as it deems necessary, subject to
29 the limitations imposed by law and availability of funds, to assist the
30 Executive Director in carrying out the functions of the Bureau.

31 Section 9. Powers and Duties of the Bureau. The Bureau shall, through
32 the Board of Directors, have the following powers and duties:

- 33 (1) to attract tourists to the islands of Cook State;
- 34 (2) to conduct programs of advertising, public relations and promotion

1 designed to familiarize the travelling public with Truk's diving
2 wrecks, historic significance, sport fishing, cultural and other
3 attractions and increase the number of visitors to Truk;

4 (3) to advise the Governor and the Truk State Legislature on the
5 need for expansion and improvement of existing tourist facilities and
6 recommend steps to provide an increasing degree of visitor satis-
7 faction after arrival;

8 (4) to encourage the investment of private funds for expansion
9 and improvement of tourist facilities in Truk;

10 (5) to operate the Truk Ethnographic Exhibition and to establish
11 reception and information booths and other facilities and provide
12 staff for the same to operate on arrival of tourists;

13 (6) to promote island-wide clean-up, planting and beautification
14 programs;

15 (7) to prepare information booklets in English, Japanese and
16 other appropriate languages, for distribution to all incoming visitors;

17 (8) to study and survey tourist needs and facilities;

18 (9) to recommend and request acquisition of sites suitable
19 for tourist facilities;

20 (10) to cooperate with public and private groups and
21 organizations;

22 (11) to coordinate its efforts with departments and agencies
23 of the State and municipal Governments;

24 (12) to employ technical services and any other staff as it
25 may require to effectively promote the functions of the Bureau;

26 (13) to obtain membership in any regional or international
27 tourist organization which will effectively promote the functions
28 of the Bureau;

29 (14) to adopt, with the approval of the Governor, such rules
30 and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of
31 this act; and

32 (15) to compile such statistics as may be helpful to carry out
33 the purpose of this act.

1 Section 10. Accounts and Records. The Truk Visitors Bureau shall keep
2 such accounts and records as may be necessary to enable the Truk State Legis-
3 lature to determine whether the provisions of this act are being complied with.
4 Such accounts shall at all times be available for inspection and audit, as may
5 be determined by the Truk State Legislature.

6 Section 11. Annual Report. The Truk Visitors Bureau shall make an
7 annual report to the Governor and the Truk State Legislature at the close of
8 each fiscal year, which shall set forth a summation of its activities, balance
9 sheets showing all assets, liabilities, and fund equity, and a statement of
10 revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, and its recommendations
11 for improvement.

12 Section 12. Transfer of Property to the Visitors Bureau. Upon the
13 effective date of this act, the following properties shall be transferred to
14 the Visitors Bureau:

15 (1) all supplies, records, statistics, brochures, maps and other
16 items related to tourism which are owned by the Department of Resources
17 and Development of the State of Truk; and

18 (2) all historic artifacts, handicrafts, photographs, displays
19 and other items at the Truk Ethnographic Exhibition Center which are
20 owned by the State Department of Resources and Development.

21 Section 13. Repeal. .Truk State Law No. 22-20, creating the Tourist
22 Commission, as amended, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

23 Section 14. Initial Funding. The sum of \$15,000 as appropriated by
24 Section 5(a)(24) of Truk State Law No. 6-24, for Visitors Bureau, shall be
25 the source of funding for the initial operation of the Truk Visitors Bureau.

1 Section 15. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon approval
2 by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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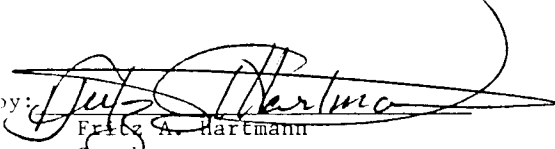
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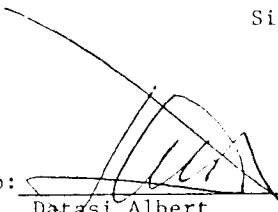
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Signed by: 

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Gideon K. Doone
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