

AN ACT

To amend title 19 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by amending section 613 thereof, for the purpose of providing seamen on vessels owned and operated by the national government a nontaxable ten dollars a day at sea benefit, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. The amendment to section 613 of title
2 19 of the 2014 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is to
3 provide a nontaxable ten dollar a day at sea benefit for seamen
4 on vessels owned and operated by the national government to be
5 paid on a quarterly basis.

6 Section 2. Section 613 of title 19 of the Code of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended by
8 to read as follows:

9 "Section 613. Seamen's wages.

10 (1) Each seaman's wages shall commence on the
11 day specified and agreed to in the Shipping Articles
12 or at the time the seaman reports on board the vessel
13 for the purpose of commencing work, whichever first
14 occurs, and shall terminate on the day of the seaman's
15 discharge or upon expiration of the Shipping Articles.

16 (2) In the absence of any agreement to the
17 contrary, the owner or master of the vessel shall pay
18 to every seaman the seaman's wages, overtime and any

1 unpaid leave entitlement within two days after the
2 expiration of the Shipping Articles or at the time the
3 seaman is discharged, whichever first occurs.

4 (3) At-Sea Perdiem. Seamen of vessels owned and
5 operated by the national government shall be entitled
6 to a nontaxable ten dollars per 24-hour day at-sea
7 benefit which shall be calculated from vessel cast-off
8 time from the port of departure, to when vessel is
9 secured at dock or designated anchorage which that
10 particular vessel departed from. Upon completion of a
11 voyage, a designated senior office of the vessel shall
12 provide a list of crewmen on the voyage for the
13 Master's signature, which list shall be submitted to
14 the Secretary of the Department of Transportation,
15 Communications and infrastructure for payment
16 processing. The payment for at-sea per diem shall be
17 made on a quarterly basis, or upon recommendation of
18 the Secretary.

19 (4) Before the seaman is discharged or the
20 Shipping Articles expire, every master shall deliver
21 to the seaman a full and true account in the
22 prescribed form of the seaman's wages, including any
23 and all deductions made therefrom."

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

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David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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