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AN ACT

To further amend title 50 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 103 to prevent the revocation or denial of spouse permits from non-citizen spouses of deceased citizens who have resided in the Federated States of Micronesia for at least twenty (20) years, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 103 of title 50 of the Code of the 1 2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 5-105, 10-14, 12-65 and 14-33, is hereby further amended to read as 3 4 follows:

"Section 103. Entry permits - Types. 6 (1) A permit is not required for a person visiting for 7 thirty days or less. For a visit in excess of thirty 8 days, a permit may be issued for an additional period 9 not to exceed sixty days; except that, with respect to citizens and nationals of the United States of America, 10 11 for the effective period of the Compact of Free 12 Association, and with respect to citizens and nationals 13 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic 14 of Palau, a permit is not required for the duration of 15 the visit, which shall not exceed 365 days.

16 (2) A visitor's permit for any lawful purpose, 17 including performance of necessary services on a short-18 term contractual basis, may be issued for a period of

1	specified duration reflecting the time necessary to
2	accomplish the purpose.
3	(3) A student permit shall be issued for a specified
4	duration reflecting a student's enrollment in a school
5	or educational program.
6	(4) A foreign government official's permit may be
7	issued to any official, employee, or contractual
8	personnel of a foreign government or governmental
9	regional or international organization who wishes to
10	enter the Federated States of Micronesia for purposes of
11	official governmental activities and who is not entitled
12	to enter the Federated States of Micronesia without a
13	permit under section 102 of this chapter.
14	(5) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (1)
15	and (2) of this section, a person entering the Federated
16	States of Micronesia for the purpose of engaging in
17	wholesale or retail sales of goods or services, or for
18	the purpose of taking orders for the purchase of goods
19	or services, without establishing a place of habitation
20	or a place of business within the Federated States of
21	Micronesia, shall be issued a salesperson's permit;
22	PROVIDED, however, that this subsection shall not apply

pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

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to any person who has a foreign investor's permit

(6) An alien worker's permit shall be issued to a

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1	noncitizen entering the Federated States of Micronesia
2	upon compliance with all National laws relating to
3	private or governmental employment for the period in
4	which the employment of the alien worker is authorized
5	by contract. The permit shall be renewed upon extension
6	or renewal of the alien's lawful employment status.
7	(7) A foreign investor's entry permit shall be issued
8	for a specified duration and may be renewed upon renewal
9	or extension of such foreign investor's business permit.
10	(8) A researcher's entry permit shall be issued for
11	research in the fields of endeavor that the President
12	deems in the best interest of and for the well-being of
13	the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia;
14	PROVIDED that the President receives from the
15	researcher's intended place of stay prior permission for
16	his entry. The President may attach thereto such
17	conditions or restrictions as he deems necessary.
18	(9) A missionary's permit shall be issued to a duly
19	ordained, licensed, and certified minister or clergyman.
20	(10) An entry permit shall be issued to a lawful spouse

of a citizen.

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(a) Subject to this section and any requirements
set out in regulations issued pursuant to section 111 of
this chapter, a spouse permit holder shall be permitted to
undertake paid employment in the Federated States of

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1 Micronesia. In the absence of any regulations on this 2 subject, a spouse permit holder shall be permitted to undertake paid employment in the Federated States of 3 Micronesia only if he or she has been a resident of the 4 5 Federated States of Micronesia for the 5 years prior to commencing employment and/or has been married to a citizen 6 7 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the 5 years prior to commencing employment. For the avoidance of 8 9 doubt, a spouse permit holder may undertake paid 10 employment without obtaining a change of status approval pursuant to section 104 of this chapter, however, such 11 12 employment must be obtained in accordance with the 13 requirements for hiring non-resident workers contained in title 51 of the Code of the Federated States of 14 15 Micronesia.

16 (b) A spouse permit may be revoked or denied, in 17 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, upon a finding that (i) the parties are divorced, the parties 18 are irreconcilably separated, or the citizen-spouse is 19 20 deceased; and (ii) the revocation or denial is in the 21 best interests of the Federated States of Micronesia, 22 provided that the spouse permit of a noncitizen 23 surviving spouse of a deceased citizen who had been married to the citizen spouse for at least twenty (20) 24 25 years, regardless of place of residence during the

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1	marriage, shall not be revoked or denied unless the
2	surviving spouse remarries a non-citizen.
3	(c) Except in extraordinary circumstances, no
4	action to revoke or deny a spouse permit on the grounds
5	of death of the citizen-spouse shall be taken for a
6	period of six months from the date of death of the
7	citizen-spouse.
8	(11) A dependent's entry permit may be issued to an
9	unmarried child, under the age of 18, of a citizen or a
10	noncitizen spouse, subject to the conditions in
11	subsection (10) of this section.
12	(12) A spouse or unmarried child under the age of
13	eighteen of any noncitizen principal listed in this
14	section, except subsection (11), may be issued an entry
15	permit for the duration of the principal's entry permit
16	and may be renewed upon renewal of the principal's entry
17	permit."
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25	Section 5. This act shall become law upon approval by the

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