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October 28, 2011

GGV, MESG, NO. 1 0 49

The Honorable Lyndon P. Abraham

Speaker

Tenth Kosrae State Legislature

Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Pain kom a kulo nu sin God ke moul mwowo lasr nukewa.

10-28-11

Nga engan in akkalemye la nga sign L.B. No. 10-21, su inge a orala State Law No. 10-17.

"To amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Kosrae State Code to enact a new Section 9.404 to require business owners and the Kosrae State Government to accurately identify the actual location of sales and transactions so as to ensure an accurate and equitable distribution of tax revenues to the municipalities; and for other purposes."

Certified copy ke masap se inge pa attached nu ke letter luk.

Kulo ma lulap.

Lyndon H. Jackson

Governor

State of Kosrae

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# TENTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Lyndon H. Jackson Governor State of Kosrae Kosrae, FM 96944

Dear Governor Jackson:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration and action L.B. NO. 10-21, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 9 OF THE KOSRAE STATE CODE TO ENACT A NEW SECTION 9.404 TO REQUIRE BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE KOSRAE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ACCURATELY IDENTIFY THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF SALES AND TRANSACTIONS SO AS TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUES TO THE MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES., which passed the Legislature, Second Special Session, by two-thirds of the members of the Legislature, a quorum being present.

Respectfully yours,

Tosie K. Elley

Chief Clerk

Tenth Kosrae State Legislature

Enclosures

### TENTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 9 OF THE KOSRAE STATE CODE TO ENACT A NEW SECTION 9.404 TO REQUIRE BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE KOSRAE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ACCURATELY IDENTIFY THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF SALES AND TRANSACTIONS SO AS TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUES TO THE MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED Senator

Alokoa J. Sigrah

**DATE:** March 16, 2011

#### ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE

PASSED FIRST READING: September 7, 2011

**REFERRING TO: Committee on W&M** 

(SCR. No. 10-73 - A - 090711)

PASSED SECOND READING: September 27, 2011

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LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. <u>10-21</u>

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill has passed Second and Final Readings in the Legislature, Second Special Session, 2011, by two-thirds of the members of the Tenth Kosrae State Legislature, a quorum being present.

Lyndon P

Speaker

Tenth Kosrae State Legislature

Chief Clerk

Tenth Kosrae State Legislature

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Kosrae State Code to enact a new Section 9.404 to require business owners and the Kosrae state Government to accurately identify the actual location of sales and transactions so as to ensure an accurate and equitable distribution of tax revenues to the municipalities; and for other purposes.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that there is a practice whereby business owners when making declarations of sales have been the parties designating the locations for those sales without any reference to the true location of sales. This practice has resulted in great inaccuracies of the recording of the numbers of sales being attributed to municipalities and may have resulted in certain municipalities not receiving the full share of revenues that they were entitled to. The Legislature further finds that it is necessary to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Kosrae State Code to enact a new Section 9.404 to require businesses and the State Government to accurately record the actual sales in each of the municipalities and to no longer allow for sales to be attributed to municipalities by the business operators.

Section 2. <u>Amendment</u>. Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Kosrae State Code is hereby amended by the enactment of a new Section 9.404 to read as follows:

"Section 9.404. <u>Location of Sales and Transactions</u>. Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, in order to fairly comply with the requirements for distribution of "Sales Taxes" to the municipalities, businesses are required to provide accurate data to the State Government reflecting the actual sales and transactions made in each municipality and may not arbitrarily designate the percentage attributed to each municipality."

1	Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor or
2	upon its becoming law without such approval.
3	PASSED BY THE TENTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATUER ON 27 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEBER
4	2011.
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8	Lyndon P. Abraham
9	Speaker, 10 <sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature
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