

AN ACT

To amend section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, in order to allow for citizenship through naturalization to FSM nationals and children of FSM citizens, and, with the recommendation of Congress through bill, citizenship through naturalization for spouses of FSM citizens, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 204. Naturalization.

5 (1) A person may be naturalized as a citizen of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form
7 prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:

8 (a) shall have lawfully resided within the
9 Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or
10 subsequent to the effective date of the Constitution,
11 for at least five years immediately preceding the date
12 of filing his petition for naturalization;

13 (b) is a child of a citizen, or is a national, of
14 the Federated States of Micronesia;

15 (c) upon naturalization, shall have renounced
16 previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all
17 foreign powers and rulers, and submitted positive and
18 verifiable documentary evidence of said renunciations,

1 and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form
2 prescribed by law or regulation;

3 (d) has competence in at least one of the
4 indigenous languages of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia evidenced by passing a language examination
6 prepared and administered by the President or his
7 designee; and

8 (e) has not been convicted of a felony as defined
9 by the laws of the place where conviction took place.

10 (2) The President, on Congress' recommendation by
11 bill, may naturalize a person as a citizen of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form
13 prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:

14 (a) is in compliance with the criteria set out in
15 subsections 204 (1) (a), (c), (d) and (e), above; and

16 (b) is a spouse of a citizen of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia.

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

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/s/ Manny Mori

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President

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