

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend the Rock Islands Management and Conservation Act, KSPL No. K8-207-2009, as amended by KSPL Nos. K8-209-2009, K9-226-2010, K9-242-2011, and K9-248-2011, to provide for new categories of Jellyfish Lake Permits for families and for extended or repeat visitors to Palau; to delete references to permit fees on required notices; and for related purposes.

**THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.**

The Tenth Koror State Legislature (the “Legislature”) hereby finds that for many families who wish to visit Palau and to experience Jellyfish Lake and the Rock Islands, the purchase of a Jellyfish Lake Permit for each individual family member may be prohibitively expensive and may discourage families from visiting Palau. In addition, visitors who wish to experience Jellyfish Lake and the Rock Islands repeatedly over a 6-month time frame may also find the cost of purchasing multiple 10-day Permits excessively high. In order to encourage families and repeat visitors to travel to Palau, the Legislature finds that special categories of Jellyfish Lake Permits should be created for families and for extended or repeat visitors.

**Section 2. Amendment of definition of “Valid Jellyfish Lake Permit” in Subsection 3(m) of KSPL No. K8-207-2009.**

Subsection 3(m) of KSPL No. K8-207-2009 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(m) Valid Jellyfish Lake Permit. A Jellyfish Lake permit issued by Koror State that has originally been issued to one person in their name, or to a family with the names of all covered family members listed on the permit, which is paid in advance and which is not transferable.”

**Section 3. Amendment of Subsection 7.A of KSPL No. K8-207-2009, as amended by**

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1 Visitors who are six (6) years old and older. Additionally, a Jellyfish Lake Permit must  
2 be purchased for a fee of \$100.00 all Visitors who are six (6) years old and older.  
3 Individual Visitors may either purchase a Jellyfish Lake Permit that is valid for ten (10)  
4 consecutive days for a fee of \$100.00 or one that is valid for six (6) consecutive months  
5 for a fee of \$200.00. In addition, families visiting Palau may purchase a single Jellyfish  
6 Lake Permit, valid for ten (10) consecutive days, that covers all immediate members of  
7 a family (defined herein as a legally married couple and their children under the age of 21)  
8 for a fee of \$200.00. Permits are ~~valid for ten (10) days and are~~ not transferable. Permits  
9 shall be available for purchase from the Koror State Finance Office or designated agents.

10 If any ~~person~~ Visitor has purchased a Rock Island Use Permit for \$50.00 that does  
11 not include Jellyfish Lake and then that ~~person~~ Visitor decides he or she desires to visit  
12 Jellyfish Lake within the 10-day period of validity for such Rock Island Use Permit, such  
13 ~~person~~ Visitor shall pay an additional \$75.00 to visit Jellyfish Lake, in addition to paying  
14 the \$50.00 for the Rock Island Use Permit. The Tour Guide, Boat Operator or Tour  
15 Operator shall either pay the difference in permit cost to Koror State, or if the Tour Guide,  
16 Boat Operator, or Tour Operator arrives at Jellyfish Lake and announces the intent to  
17 change the scope of the Rock Island Use Permit for the Visitor ~~tourist~~, then Koror State  
18 may issue a voucher charging the additional fee of \$75.00 to the Tour Guide, Boat  
19 Operator, or Tour Operator, and the ~~tourist~~ Visitor may access Jellyfish Lake. The Tour  
20 Guide, Boat Operator, or Tour Operator shall pay the \$75.00 difference to Koror State  
21 within forty-eight (48) hours. If such additional fee is not paid within such forty-eight hour  
22 period, then the Tour Guide, Boat Operator, and the Tour Operator shall be guilty of a  
23 misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of \$250.00 upon conviction for a first offense, and a fine

24 in the amount of \$500.00 upon conviction for a second offense. The

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1 and effect of law, and a violation of the regulations shall be punished by a fine in the  
2 amount of \$250.00 upon conviction for a first offense, and a fine in the amount of \$500.00  
3 for a second and subsequent convictions.”

4 **Section 4. Amendment of Subsection 8.7 of KSPL No. K8-207-2009 to delete**  
5 **references to permit fees.**

6 Subsection 8.7 of KSPL No. K8-207-2009 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 “7. Tour Operators are required to post a notice at their operating site that contains  
8 the following: "NOTICE: ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A  
9 PERMIT AND PAY A USER FEE OF \$25.00 BEFORE THEY WILL BE PERMITTED  
10 TO ENJOY THE WATERS AND ISLANDS OF KOROR. A SEPARATE PERMIT  
11 AND THE PAYMENT OF A \$35.00 FEE IS REQUIRED TO ENTER JELLYFISH  
12 LAKE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE BEEN ISSUED  
13 A VALID PERMIT FROM THE TOUR OPERATOR. THE PERMIT MUST BE IN  
14 YOUR POSSESSION OR CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.””

15 **Section 5. Severability.** In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines  
16 that any part or portion of this Act is invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part  
17 or portion may be stricken, and the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

18 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by  
19 operation of the Koror State Constitution.

Date: January 17, 2014

Introduced by: 