NINTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

First Regular Session, February 2010

KSPL NO. <u>19-217-2010</u> (Intro. as LB 9-4)

AN ACT

To amend Section 3.A. and 3.B. of KSPL No. K8-186-2007 to increase the monetary penalties for feeding sharks 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 Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that within the past year, there have been at least two reported shark attacks on tour guides resulting from the feeding of sharks at Ngermeaus, and that there may actually have been unreported attacks because tour guides have been knowingly and illegally feeding sharks for tourists. The feeding of sharks teaches the sharks to associate humans with food, and may create a dangerous condition if shark get into a feeding "frenzy."

It is in the best interests of the people of the State of Koror to increase the penalties for the feeding of sharks, and for aiding and abetting the feeding of sharks, all at Ngermeaus Island.

Section 2. <u>Amendment of Section 3.A. and 3.B. of KSPL No. K8-186-2007 to increase</u> penalties for feeding sharks.

Section 3.A. and 3.B. of KSPL No. K8-186-2007 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"A. Any person who violates Section 2 of this Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall pay a fine in the amount of \$200.00 for a first offense, \$400.00 for a second offense, and \$500.00 for a third and subsequent offenses, and such person may also be sentenced to spend up to ninety (90) days in jail. For a second and subsequent offenses, jail time shall be imposed, and for every subsequent conviction, the jail sentence shall be increased over any previously imposed jail sentence.

B. Any person who aids, abets, or assists in the violation of this Act, or who conspires to violate any provision of this Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine in the amount of \$200.00 for a first offense, \$400.00 for a second offense, and \$500.00 for a third subsequent

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Section 3. Severability.

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In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part or portion of this Act are invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or portions may be stricken, and the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by operation of Koror State Constitution.

PASSED: April 22, 2010

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

Eyos Rudimch

Speaker, 9th Koror State Legislature

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Approved on this

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Yositaka Adachi Governor, Koror State