

AN ACT

To amend Section "7.A." of K SPL No. K8-207-09, as amended by K SPL No. K8-209-09, to increase the amount of Rock Island Use Permits for six (6) years old and over; to amend Section "7" of K SPL No. K8-207-09 to allow visitors to change the scope of their Rock Island Use Permit to visit Jellyfish Lake, to amend Section "9.A." of K SPL No. K8-207-09 to allow the Governor to charge reduced permit fees for official guests, and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE PF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DE ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings.

The Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that the Rock Islands and the Jellyfish Lake are experiencing a high impact upon its natural resources due to the large number of visitors. The increasing number of visitors to the rock islands is placing a strain on Koror State resources making it more difficult for maintaining and up keeping in the rock island and guest facilities, and an increase in the rock island use permit fee will help Koror State to adequately clean and maintain tourist activity areas and to further improve and develop other areas of the rock islands.

It is in the best interest of the State of Koror to provide these new increase of \$50.00 for Rock-Island Use Permit and \$100.00 for Jellyfish Lake Permit, to better control the number of visitors and to increase the quality of a visit, and to allow Koror State to generate revenues that may be used to monitor and preserve its marine resources and improve rock island tourist facilities.

The Legislature also finds that official guests are willing to pay a reduced fee for Rock Island Use Permits, but the current law does not provide any flexibility for the Governor to charge a reduced fee. Similarly, some tourists purchase a regular Rock Island Use Permit, and then want to change the scope of their permit to include Jellyfish Lake, but the law is unclear as to the fees and conditions for the payment due for an amended permit. It is also in the best interests of the people of Koror to allow the Governor to charge reduced fees for official guests, and to allow tourists to "change" the scope of their Rock Island Use Permit to include Jellyfish Lake, even after the issuance of a Rock Island Use Permit.

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1 **Section 2. Amendment of Section "7.A." of KSPL No. K8-207-09 relating to fees for**
2 **Rock Island Use Permits.**

3 Section. "7.A." of KSPL No. K8-207-09, as amended by KSPL No. K8-209-09 is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "A. A Rock Island Use Permit must be purchased for a fee of
6 \$50.00 for all Visitors who are six (6) years old and older. A Jellyfish Lake
7 permit must be purchased for a fee of \$100.00 for all Visitors who are six
8 (6) years old and older. Permits are valid for ten (10) days and are not
9 transferable. Permits shall be available for purchase from the Koror State
10 Finance Office or designated agents.

11 If any person has purchased a Rock Island Use Permit for \$50.00
12 that does not include Jellyfish Lake, and then that person decides he or she
13 desires to visit Jellyfish Lake, such person shall pay an additional \$75.00 to
14 visit Jellyfish Lake, in addition to paying the \$50.00 for the Rock Island Use
15 Permit. The Tour Guide, Boat Operator, or Tour Operator shall either pay
16 the difference in permit cost to Koror State, or if the Tour Guide, Boat
17 Operator, or Tour Operator arrives at Jellyfish Lake and announces the
18 intent to change the scope of the Rock Island Use Permit for the tourist,
19 then Koror State may issue a voucher charging the additional fee of \$75.00
20 to the Tour Guide, Boat Operator, or Tour Operator, and the tourist may
21 access Jellyfish Lake. The Tour Guide, Boat Operator, or Tour Operator
22 shall pay the \$75.00 difference to Koror State within forty-eight (48) hours.
23 If such additional fee is not paid within such forty-eight hour period, then
24 the Tour Guide, Boat Operator, and the Tour Operator shall be guilty of a
25 misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of \$250.00 upon conviction for a first
26 offense, and a fine in the amount of \$500.00 upon conviction for a second
27 and subsequent convictions. The procedures and penalties described herein

1 shall apply to each individual tourist who desires to change the scope of his
2 or her Rock Island Use Permit. The Governor may promulgate regulations
3 relating to the foregoing, which regulations shall have the force and effect
4 of law, and a violation of the regulations shall be punished by a fine in the
5 amount of \$250.00 upon conviction for a first offense, and a fine in the
6 amount of \$500.00 upon conviction for a second and subsequent
7 convictions.”

8 **Section 3. Amendment of Section “9.A.” of KSPL No. K8-207-09 to allow the Governor**
9 **to charge a reduced fee for official guests.**

10 Section “9.A.” of KSPL No. K8-207-09 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 “A. The Governor, or his designee, may, in his discretion, provide
12 a special grant of exemption from the requirements of this Act for Official
13 Guests. Palauans and Resident Aliens may also be exempted by the
14 Governor, or his designee, for the specific purpose of transporting or
15 accompanying such Official Guests to such areas. The grant of exemption
16 may be issued in consideration for the payment of a fee to be determined by
17 the Governor. Such grant of exemption shall be in writing identifying the
18 persons and dates of exemption, and shall be carried with the Official
19 Guests at all times while in the Rock Islands.”

20 **Section 4. Severability.**

21 The provisions of this Act are severable. If any part or portion of this Act is held to be invalid
22 or unenforceable, then the offending portions may be stricken and the remaining portions shall
23 continue in full force and effect.

24 **Section 5. Effective Date.**

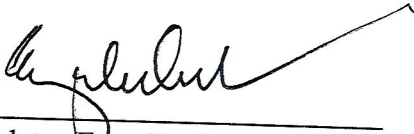
25 This Act shall be come effective upon its becoming law of the State of Koror by operation

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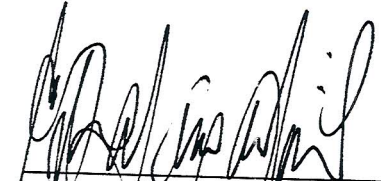
of the Koror State Constitution, however Section 2 shall be enforced on and after June 1, 2012.

PASSED: DECEMBER 12, 2011

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY :



Legislator Eyo Rudimch, Speaker
Ninth Koror State Legislature


Feliciano S. Watanabe, Clerk
Ninth Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS 20th ^{*****} DAY OF June, 2011.


Yositaka Adachi
Governor, State of Koror