

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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