

*1st Day of the 1st Regular Session . 1/17/14*

L.B. No. 10-01

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend KSPL No. K6-124-2001, as amended by KSPL No. K8-213-2009, to increase the number of authorized live-aboard vessels operating in the waters of the State of Koror to fifteen; 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 the number of live-aboard vessel operators in the waters of the State of Koror is currently limited to ten under KSPL No. K6-124-2001, as amended by KSPL No. K8-213-2009. In setting a limit on the number of authorized live-aboard vessels, the Sixth and Eighth Koror State Legislatures sought to achieve a balance between the protection of Koror's marine environment and the promotion of Koror's dive tourism and economy. This Legislature finds that the limit of ten live-aboard vessels is unnecessarily restrictive, and that Koror State can safely accommodate up to fifteen live-aboard vessels in its waters without compromising the health of its marine environment. This increase will permit more people to enjoy scuba diving in Koror's waters while providing benefits to the local economy.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 3 of KSPL No. K6-124-2001, as amended by K8-213-2009, to amend the definition of "Legal Live-Aboard" and to authorize up to fifteen Legal Live-Aboards to operate in the waters of the State of Koror.**

Section 3 of KSPL No. K6-124-2001, as amended by K8-213-2009, is hereby amended to read, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Section 3. Ban on new live-aboard vessels declared; Prohibitions. There is hereby established a ban on the establishment or operation of live-aboard vessels and

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1 the waters of the State of Koror, subject to the limitations herein (individually, a “Legal  
2 Live-Aboard,” collectively, the “Legal Live Aboards”) ... provided, however, that  
3 notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, at no time shall the **amount**  
4 **number** of Legal Live-Aboards operating in the waters of the State of Koror exceed fifteen  
5 (15) ~~ten (10)~~ vessels.”

6 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that  
7 any part or portion of this Act is invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or  
8 portion may be stricken, and the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

9 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by  
10 operation of the Koror State Constitution.

Date: January 17, 2014

Introduced by: 

Legislator Augusto Ngirmang