

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section “3.A” of KSPL No. K7-136-2002 to expand the Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone on the western shores of Ngerkebesang Island, and for related purposes.

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

1 **Section . Findings.**

2 The Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that since the creation of the
3 “Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone” on the western shores of Ngerkebesang Island (KSPL No.
4 K7-136-2002), and to the west of the Palau Pacific Resort, fish have become accustomed to
5 tourists, and visitors enjoying the waters can have a more memorable experience. However, it is
6 still lawful to take fish from the northern end of the beach and shoreline. Fishing activities
7 make fish scared of humans, and detract from the aesthetic values of the pristine marine
8 environment.

9 It is in the best interests of the people of the State of Koror to make the Ngerkebesang
10 Conservation Zone larger, so as to prevent all fishing activities on the western shores near tourist
11 facilities, making the exploration of these waters more attractive and enjoyable for tourists and
12 locals alike, while preserving some areas for local fishing activities.

13 **Section 2. Amendment of section “3.A.” of KSPL No. K7-136-2002 to expand the**
14 **Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone.**

15 Section “3.A.” of Koror State Public Law No. K7-136-2002 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 A. There is hereby established the “Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone” in the coastal
18 waters of the State of Koror to the west of Ngerkebesang Island and the Palau Pacific Resort.
19 The boundaries of the Ngerkebesang Conservation Zone shall include all areas below the highest
20 high tide watermark, within the boundary ~~from the breakwater at Ngerkebesang 100 meters west,~~

21 ~~and south to Ngerdis Point, to the shore at Palau Pacific Resort~~ starting on the southern end at the

1 westernmost tip of the land at Ngerdis, and then proceeding due north in a straight line to a point
2 that is due west from the end of the seawall at the Palau Pacific Resort, and then following along
3 such sea wall to the high tide water mark at the shoreline, and then proceeding south and then
4 west along the shoreline to the starting point. The boundary line will be further identified with
5 well-defined demarcation markers, all as highlighted on the ~~map~~ aerial photo attached hereto,
6 which is incorporated into this Act by this reference.”

7 **Section 3. Severability.**

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

11 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

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

Date: September ____, 2010

Introduced by:
Speaker Eyos Rudimch