

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend KSPL No. K4-68-95 to require non-commercial fishing licenses for all Palauans who are not ~~citizens~~ residents of the State of Koror, 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 many States in the Republic of Palau  
3 charge a fee for fishing licenses, even for citizens of Palau. Under current Koror State law,  
4 Palauan citizens are not required to obtain a fishing license to fish in the waters of Koror for non-  
5 commercial purposes. In light of the lack of reciprocity by other States in allowing fishing by  
6 Palauans without a license, it is in the best interests of the people of Koror to impose a fee for  
7 non-commercial fishing licenses for Palauan citizens who are not ~~citizens~~ residents of the State  
8 of Koror.

9        **Section 2. Amendment of Section "2" of KSPL No. K4-68-95 to include a definition**  
10 **for "Citizen of Koror".**

11        Section "2" of Koror State Public Law No. K4-68-95 is hereby amended to add a new  
12 subsection "M." for the definition of "Citizen of Koror", as follows:

13                "M. '~~Citizen~~ Resident of Koror' means a person who is lawfully  
14 registered to vote in the State of Koror, and all natural children of such  
15 person who are under the age of 18 years, and any person who has a  
16 dwelling house or usual place of abode in the State of Koror which serves  
17 as a primary residence."

18        **Section 3. Amendment of Section "3.D.3(a)" of KSPL No. K4-68-95 to require all**  
19 **non-citizens of Koror to possess a fishing license for non-commercial fishing.**

20        Section "3.D.3(a)" of Koror State Public Law No. K4-68-95 is hereby amended to read as

21 follows:  
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1                   “3. Non-commercial fishing.  
2                   (a) For any ~~non-Palauan citizen~~ person engaged in non-commercial  
3                   fishing (excluding net fishing, for which the fee is \$50.00 per month)  
4                   except for citizens residents of Koror, the annual fee is \$100.00, or  
5                   \$10.00 per month. No person may engage in non-commercial fishing  
6                   within the State unless he or she has with him or her, or on the boat  
7                   from which he or she is fishing, the license required herein.”

8                   **Section 4. Severability.**

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

12                   **Section 5. Effective Date.**

13                   This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by operation of the Koror State  
14 Constitution, however it shall not be enforced against non-residents of Koror for thirty (30) days.

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Date: June 24, 2010

Introduced by:                   /S/  
Augusto Ngirmang  
Ninth Koror State Legislature