

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend KSPL No. K4-69-95, as amended by KSPL No. K7-138-03 and KSPL NO. K9-232-2011, to reduce rates for fishing licenses to \$5.00 per day, 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 Ninth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that many tourists who come to Palau may only go fishing for one day or night, and that the current fees of \$20.00 per month may deter people from enjoying the experience of fishing in Palau. A lower fee for daily fishing license may also encourage the purchase of fishing licenses for non-Palauans.

It is in the best interests of the people of the State of Koror to amend the current laws to reduce the fees for fishing licenses and to require the payment of \$5.00 per day for fishing licenses.

Section 2. Amendment of section “3.D3.(a)” of KSPL No. K4-69-95, as amended by Koror State KSPL No. K7-138-03 and KSPL No. K9-232-2011, to reduce the fee for fishing licenses.

Section “3.D.3.(a)” of Koror State Public Law No. K4-69-95, as amended by Koror State Public Law No. K7-138-03 and Koror State Public Law No. K9-232-2011, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- “3. Non-commercial fishing; exemptions for children under 13 years of age.
(a) For any non-Palauan engaged in non-commercial fishing (excluding net fishing, for fishing, for which the fee is \$50.00 per month), the ~~annual fee is \$200.00, or \$20.00 per month~~ license fee shall be \$5.00 (five dollars) per day. It shall be unlawful for any non-Palauan to engage in fishing activities from a boat or other duly registered water craft. The term “island of Koror” means the island of Koror, Malakal, and Ngerkebesang, and all islets or land areas connected by road or causeway to Koror, Malakal, or to Ngerkebesang Island and all fringing reefs joined to such islands and land areas. Provided, however, that a fishing license shall not be required for non-Palauan children under the age of 13 years, so long as such exempt children carry a passport, or other authentic picture identification showing their age or birth date, at all times while engaged in fishing activities.”

Section 3. Severability:

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

Section 4. Effective Date.

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

Date: March 8, 2011

Introduced by:

NINTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.B. No. 9-47

Legislator Kazuki T. Sungino