

AN ACT

To establish a Marshall Islands Government Gazette, and for related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

1           Section 1. Short title.

2                     This Act may be cited as the Government Gazette Act 1981.

3           Section 2. Interpretation.

4                     In this Act, or in any other law or instrument made after  
5 the making of this Act, a reference to the Government Gazette is a  
6 reference to the Marshall Islands Government Gazette provided for in  
7 Section 3.

8           Section 3. Establishment of the Government Gazette.

9                     There shall be an official journal of the Government of the  
10 Marshall Islands, which shall be entitled the Marshall Islands Government  
11 Gazette.

12           Section 4. Publication.

13                     (1) Publication of the Government Gazette is the  
14 responsibility of the Chief Secretary.

15                     (2) Production of a document purporting to be the Government  
16 Gazette and to have been printed by authority of the Government of the  
17 Marshall Islands is prima facie evidence that the document is a copy of  
18 the Government Gazette published on the day stated on it.

19           Section 5. Effect of publication in the Government Gazette.

20                     (1) Where any instrument is required by law to be published

1 or notified in the Government Gazette, a copy of the Government Gazette  
2 purporting to contain the instrument is, in the absence of proof to the  
3 contrary, conclusive evidence of the due making of the instrument on the  
4 date stated in it and of its text.

5 (2) Where the Government Gazette contains any instrument  
6 publication of which in the Government Gazette is not required by law, a  
7 copy of the Government Gazette containing the instrument is prima facie  
8 evidence of the due making of the instrument on the date stated in it  
9 and of its text.

10 Section 6. False Government Gazettes.

11 A person who knowingly compiles a document that -

- 12 (a) purports to be a copy of the Government Gazette; or  
13 (b) so closely resembles the Government Gazette that  
14 an ordinary person would take it to be a copy of  
15 the Government Gazette;

16 or who knowingly publishes or distributes such a document, is guilty of  
17 a felony and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not  
18 exceeding four years.

19 Section 7. Notification in place of publication.

20 (1) Where any other law provides that any instrument shall  
21 or may be published in the Government Gazette, it is a sufficient  
22 compliance with that law if a notice of the making of the instrument and  
23 of its general effect is published in the Government Gazette, together  
24 with details of where copies of it may be obtained.



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1 /s/ Atlan Anien  
Atlan Anien, Speaker  
2 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

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6 /s/ Donald F. Capelle  
Donald F. Capelle, Clerk  
7 Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

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10 Concurred on October 27, 1981.

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