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IMPORT DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

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5 **IMPORT DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024**

6 **A BILL FOR AN ACT** to amend Title 48, Chapter 2, MIRC, Import Duties Act, in
7 order to amend reallocate the supplemental funding to Public School System and the
8 Ministry of Health and Human Services, other than for the College of the Marshall
Islands.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

10 **§101. Short title.**

11 This Act may be cited as the Import Duties (Amendment) Act, 2024.

12 **§102. Amendment**

13 Section 227 of the Import Duties Act is amended as follows:

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15 **§227. Funding Supplement for CMI, Public School System and the**
16 **Ministry of Health and Human Services**

- 17 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act to the
18 contrary, the Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized
19 with the approval of the Cabinet to deduct a certain
20 percentage or amount from the import tax collected on
21 the items listed below to supplement funding for the
22 College of the Marshall Islands Public School System and
23 the Ministry of Health and Human Services.

1 (2) The items affected and the percentages and amounts
2 deductible pursuant to subsection (1) above are as
3 follows:

- 4 (a) Tobacco, and cigarettes \$0.25 per pack of 20
5 rolls;
- 6 (b) Cigars 1%
- 7 (c) Other tobacco (Copenhagen) \$0.25 per 34.2
8 grams or 1.2 oz
- 9 (d) Beer \$0.25 cents per can or 12 oz. unit
- 10 (e) Wine \$0.25 per gallon
- 11 (f) Spirits \$2.00 per gallon
- 12 (g) Mixed drink 1%
- 13 (h) "soft drinks"-carbonated beverages
14 \$0.00833 per 10z non-carbonated and
15 artificially flavored beverages 5%

16 (3) The Secretary of Finance shall record and withhold these
17 deductions, and shall devise a procedure or method by which
18 these funds may be paid to the ~~College of the Marshall Islands~~
19 Public School System and Ministry of Health and Human
20 Services, in accordance with the Cabinet's approved on a
21 shared percentage.

22 (4) Any such procedure or method must be in conformity with the
23 provisions of the Financial Management Act, 1990.
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25 **§103. Effective Date.**

26 This Act shall take effect on the date of its certification in accordance with
27 the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures for the Nitijela.

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BILL SUMMARY

This Bill proposes to amend the Import Duties Act, in order to reallocate the supplemental funding from the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) to be shared between the Public School System (PSS) and the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS).

Section 227 of the Import Duties provides for the supplemental funding to the College of the Marshall Islands from the excise tax levied on certain imported items such as Cigarette and Tobacco products, cigars, beer, wine, spirit, mixed drinks and soft drinks, also known as Sins Tax.

A total sum of \$1,201,351.54 has been collected for the last fiscal year (Oct 2021 to September 30, 2022) on excise tax to supplement the funding to CMI. This year for, for the last six months from October 1, 2022 to March 30, 2023, a total of \$806,032 has been collected.

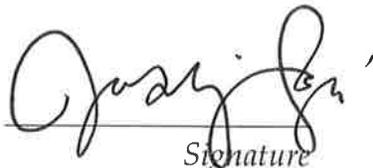
The Bill proposes to amend Section 227 in order to share the funding between the Public School System and Ministry of Health and Human Services. The existing language be amended to have the supplemental funding shared between PSS and MOHHS based on the approval of the Cabinet on the shared percentage.

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