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**COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AS AMENDED
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to provide for the implementation of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, by giving it the force and effect of law.

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

§101. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the 2023 Compact of Free Association, as amended (Implementation) Act, 2024.

§102. Interpretation.

In this Act, “the 2023 Compact, as Amended” means the 2023 Compact of Free Association, as Amended and its subsidiary agreements concluded with Government of the United States on October 16, 2023, amending the 2003 Compact, as Amended, as its implementation is affected by the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024, of March 9, 2024, United States Public Law 118-42.

§103. Implementation of the Compact, as Amended.

(1) Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Compact of Free Association, as Amended Resolution 2024, and this Act, the Compact of Free Association, as Amended shall have the force and effect of law as if enacted by the Nitijela.

- 1 (2) The Compact, as Amended shall be construed and applied in a
2 manner consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the
3 Marshall Islands and the 2023 Compact of Free Association, as
4 Amended Resolution 2024.

5 **§104. Status of Section 261(g)(1)(h) and (i) Funds of the 2023 Compact, as**
6 **Amended.**

7 To the extent applicable:

- 8 (1) There shall be established a U.S. Supplemental Health Fund which
9 shall be a fund other than the General Fund within the meaning and
10 for purposes of Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution. Payments
11 will be made in and out of the Fund in accordance with the 2023
12 Compact, as Amended, and 2023 Fiscal Procedures Agreement.
- 13 (2) There shall be established a Climate Fund which shall be a fund other
14 than the General Fund within the meaning and for purposes of
15 Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution. Payments will be made in
16 and out of the Fund in accordance with the 2023 Compact, as
17 Amended, and the 2023 Fiscal Procedures Agreement.
- 18 (3) There shall be established a Kwajalein Development Plan Fund which
19 shall be a fund other than the General Fund within the meaning and
20 for purposes of Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution. Payments
21 will be made in and out of the Fund in accordance with the 2023
22 Compact, as Amended, and the 2023 Fiscal Procedures Agreement,
23 provided that no more than 5% of the Fund's balance may be paid
24 out from the Fund within any fiscal year.

25 **§105 Appointments.**

26 All appointments to any Committee, Working Group, or Dialogue under the
27 2023 Compact, as Amended shall be made by the President in a signed
28 instrument.

29 **§106. Repeal**

30 The Compact of Free Association, As Amended, (Implementation) Act, 2004
31 (P.L. 2004-01) is hereby repealed to the extent that the 2023 Compact, as
32 Amended amends the 2003 Compact, as Amended.

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§107. Effective Date.

This Act shall come into effect on the effective date of the Compact, as Amended, as mutually agreed between the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Government of the United States pursuant to Section 411 of Article I of Title Four of the Compact, as Amended.

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(ATTACHED)

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3 **BILL SUMMARY**

4 This Bill proposes to provide for the implementation of the Compact of Free
5 Association, as Amended, by giving it the force and effect of law.

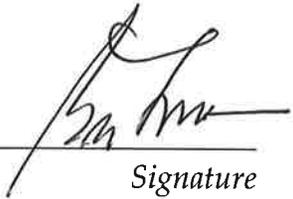
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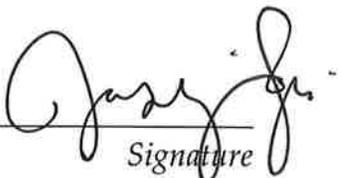
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