

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 144 thereof to authorize the Secretary of Finance to waive or compromise tax penalties and interest in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 144 of title 54 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

4 "Section 144. Liability for payment of tax; Penalties.

5 (1) Every business shall be liable for the payment
6 of the tax required to be deducted and paid by it to the
7 Government.

8 (2) Failure to comply with the provisions of this
9 section shall be punishable under the penalties
10 prescribed by this chapter, provided that the Secretary
11 may waive or reduce the amount of penalties and interest
12 assessable due to late payment of gross revenue taxes by
13 any business in which the National Government or a State
14 Government owns more than a fifty percent interest upon
15 a finding by the Secretary that such a waiver or
16 reduction will facilitate the collection of the tax owed
17 or be in the public interest."

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Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 10/18/04 Introduced by: /s/ Moses A. Nelson
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