

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2014

C.B. NO. 18-204

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 104 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 13-79, to add a Government Accountability Office to Congress, and creating a new chapter 8 concerning the rights, powers, and authority of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

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

2           Section 1. Policy and Purpose. The purpose of this bill is  
3 to create the Government Accountability Office (GAO), an  
4 independent and nonpartisan agency, to work for Congress. The GAO  
5 shall preform work at the request of Congress or Congressional  
6 subcommittees or as mandated by public law or committee reports.  
7 The GAO shall advise Congress about ways to make the government  
8 more efficient, effective, ethical, equitable and responsive. The  
9 GAO will by request, audit agency operations to ensure federal  
10 funds are being spent effectively; investigate allegations of  
11 illegal or improper activities; issue decisions and opinions;  
12 preform policy analysis; report on government programs and  
13 policies to determine if objectives are being met; and other  
14 duties as directed by Congress to ensure that public funds are  
15 being properly utilized. Congress has created the GAO for the  
16 benefit of the citizenry of the Federated States of Micronesia to  
17 ensure a greater economy and efficiency of federal funds.

18           Section 2. Section 104 of title 3 of the Code of the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No.

1 13-79, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

2 "Section 104. Offices.

3 There shall be the following offices, which shall be  
4 responsible to the Presiding Officer:

5 (1) Administration and Budget Office; and within that  
6 the following functional activities:

7 (a) finance,

8 (b) administration and personnel,

9 (c) budget,

10 (d) State delegation administrative support,

11 (e) secretaries, and

12 (f) sergeant at Arms; and

13 (2) Office of the Legislative Counsel, and within that  
14 the Library and research-; and

15 (3) Government Accountability Office."

16 Section 3. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of  
17 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating a  
18 new chapter 8 entitled: "Government Accountability Office".

19 Section 4. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of  
20 Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new  
21 section 801 of chapter 8, to read as follows:

22 "Section 801. Rights and Powers. The Government  
23 Accountability Office shall have the right and power,  
24 by request of the Congress of the Federated States of  
25 Micronesia, to audit agencies receiving national

government funding; investigate allegations of illegal or improper activities; issue recommendations and opinions; perform policy analysis; report on national government programs and policies; and other duties as directed by Congress."

## Section 5. Title 3 of the Code of the Federated

7 States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by  
8 adding a new section 802 of chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 802. Authority. The Government Accountability Office shall derive its authority to act directly from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Government Accountability Office shall have the authority to subpoena in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities by resolution from the Congress."

Section 6. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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19 Date: 9/5/14

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