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AN ACT to provide for performance of certain Consular Functions by Diplomatic Officers of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in foreign countries and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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P. L. 1988-30

§801. Short title.

This Chapter may be cited as the “Consular Functions Act”. [P.L. 1988-30, §1.]

§802. Interpretation.

In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **“consular function”** means any function referred to in Sections 804, 805, 806, and 807, and includes any act specified in the Schedule appearing at the end of this Chapter;
- (b) **“Consular Officer”** shall mean any person including the head of a consular post entrusted in that capacity with the exercise of consular functions;
- (c) **“Diplomatic Officer”** means the head of a mission or a member of the diplomatic staff of such a mission;
- (d) **“document”** means a commercial or shipping document and includes every document by which any right or liability is or purports to be, created, transferred, limited, extended,

extinguished or recorded, and any official document issued by the Republic;

- (e) “**Minister**” means the Minister in charge of the subject of Foreign Affairs. [P.L. 1988-30, §2.][section referencing in subsection (a) modified to reflect new format]

§803. Performance of Consular Functions.

Every Diplomatic or Consular Officer of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is hereby authorized to perform, in accordance with any written law of the Republic, any consular function in any foreign country to which he is accredited or appointed; provided, however, that the performance of such function is not prohibited by the written laws of the country in which such function is performed. [P.L. 1988-30, §3.]

§804. Validation of Documents.

Upon the application of a person who is a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or any other person, a diplomatic or consular officer may:

- (a) certify, attest, authenticate or do any other such act to validate any document;
- (b) translate any document from Marshallese language to any other language or translate any document from any other language to Marshallese language;
- (c) certify the accuracy of a translation from Marshallese language to any other language or from any other language to Marshallese language. [P.L. 1988-30, §4.]

§805. Administration of Oath or Affirmation.

- (1) Every Diplomatic or Consular Officer shall be entitled to and may administer any oath or affirmation or take any affidavit, and such oath or affirmation or such affidavit shall be deemed to have been administered or taken, as the case may be, in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- (2) Any Diplomatic or Consular Officer administering any oath or affirmation or taking an affidavit under the provisions of Subsection (1) of this Section, shall not be held responsible for the