

AN ACT

To amend Section 502 of Title 28 of the Palau National Code and Section 121 of Title 2 of the Palau National Code to empower the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism to establish a standard for tourism and enforce that standard, and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 502 of Title 28 of the Palau National Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 502. Declaration of policy.

It is hereby declared the policy of the government of the Republic of Palau to promote the development of a visitor industry in Palau as a high-value tourism destination with a high quality tourism product that envisions “Pristine Paradise Palau” and that is environmentally friendly. It is the responsibility of all visitor-oriented government and quasi-government agencies to assist and participate in the implementation of this policy, and to coordinate with the public and private sector businesses in furtherance of this policy.”

Section 2. Amendment. Section 121 of Title 2 of the Palau National Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 121. Functions of Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism.

(a) ...

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(f) The Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism shall be responsible for developing the national occupational standards of tourism and shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) to regulate tourism activities and services throughout Palau, in accordance with the national tourism plan;

(2) to register, license, and grade all tourism and tourist-related businesses including cottages and private residences engaged in guest house