

# NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS 38TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2017



#### Republic of the Marshall Islands Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

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#### **IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2017**

**AN ACT** to amend Section 113 (1) of the Title 43 of the Marshall Islands Revised Code, Chapter 1, *Immigration Act* 2006, to include citizens of countries with which the Republic has made visa waiver agreements.

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

#### §101. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the *Immigration (Amendment) Act* 2017.

### §102. Amendments.

- (1) Section 113 shall be amended by including language as follows: §113.Exemption from requirement to hold a visa.
  - (1) The following persons shall be exempt from the requirement to hold a visa to enter the Republic, to such extent or subject to such conditions as specified by this Chapter or by regulations:
  - (2) Citizens of countries with which the Republic has visa waiver agreements shall be granted such waivers for the period specified in said agreements.
  - (3) Except as otherwise directed by the Division, all exempt persons under subsections 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d) and 1(e), 1(i) and 1(k) must present the following documents before being issued with a permit to enter the Republic: (a) a valid medical certificate showing clearance from HIV/Aids or tuberculosis or any other contagious disease as notified by the Ministry of Health from

time to time; (b) a police clearance showing that the person does not have any criminal conviction for an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of 12 months or more.

(4) Notwithstanding the exemptions granted to persons in subsection (1), exempt persons will be subject to immigration clearance procedures upon arrival and departure from the Republic. Exempt persons shall be refused entry into the Republic if they are found to be ineligible for an entry permit under section 114 of the Chapter.

#### §103. Effective Date.

This Act shall take effect in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures for the Nitijela.

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Marsh	all Islands on	the	30th	day o	f <u>M</u>	mo	h		20	)17; and	

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 67 was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 11th day of April 2017.

Hon'. Kenneth A. Kedi

Speaker

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:

Morean Watak

Clerk

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands