

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend Section 604.C of Title 14 of the Koror State Code, as enacted by KSPL No. K3-53-92 and amended by KSPL No. K5-72-96, to decrease the house party permit fee charged in connection with houses located outside of Koror State; to amend Section 605 of Title 14 of the Koror State Code, as enacted by KSPL No. K3-53-92 and amended by KSPL No. K5-72-96, to prohibit the holding of ocheraol, cheldech duch, and house parties in the month of July; and for related purposes.

**THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings.**

The Tenth Koror State Legislature (the "Legislature") hereby finds that under present law, individuals who hold house parties in the State of Koror in connection with the construction or financing of houses located outside of Koror are required to pay a permit fee of \$250. This permit fee is more than twice the price of the fee (\$100) for house parties held in connection with houses located within the State of Koror. The Legislature finds that this substantial permit fee differential is unwarranted and that the \$250 permit fee imposes a significant economic burden on people seeking to construct or finance houses in other states. Accordingly, the permit fee for house parties held in the State of Koror to construct or finance houses located outside the State of Koror should be lowered to \$150.

The Legislature further finds that under present law, ocheraol, cheldech duch and house parties may not be given in the months of January, May, August, November and December. The month of July, however, is not presently restricted for these purposes even though households in Koror with school-age children typically incur substantial school-related expenses in July. The Legislature finds that the holding of ocheraol, cheldech duch and house parties in the month of July may impose a difficult economic burden on families who struggle to pay for necessary school books and other supplies before the start of school in August. Accordingly, the holding of ocheraol, cheldech duch and house parties should be prohibited in the month of July.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 604.C of Title 14 of the Koror State Code to lower the house party permit fee charged in connection with houses located outside of Koror State.**

Section 604.C of Title 14 of the Koror State Code, as enacted by KSPL No. K3-53-92 and

