

AN ACT

To amend the Koror State Code (Title 14 KSC Chapter 5 - Personal Property Tax) relating to personal property tax rates applicable to certain types of vehicles.

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

Section 1. Findings.

- a. The property tax rates for vehicles have not been raised to reflect current economic conditions and fiscal needs, nor to reflect the added burden created by the dramatic increase in the number of vehicles imported into and registered in Koror.
- b. The recent and rapid influx of cars and other vehicle types has out stripped Koror State's ability to fund needed programs related to problems created by vehicles, including but not limited to the need for a more effective abandoned vehicle disposal program.
- c. The increased revenues generated by changes in personal property tax rates here enacted will be available to more effectively deal with the problems of abandoned vehicles and other vehicle related problems such as, but not limited to, inadequate street lighting.

Section 2. Amendment. Title 14 Chapter 5 of the Koror State Code is amended to read and provide as follows:

"Chapter 5. Personal Property Tax

Section 501. Tax Assessed.

- a. Amount. There shall be paid to the Koror State Treasury the following amounts of taxes on personal property as listed below:
  1. Motorcycle, Seven Dollars and Fifty cents (\$7.50).
  2. Trucks, buses, and other motor vehicles used for carrying

and hauling by gross weight in pounds:

- (a) Under two thousand pounds or any fraction thereof, Twelve dollars and Fifty cents (\$12.50) for noncommercial use; and Twenty-two dollars and Fifty cents (\$22.50) for commercial use;
- (b) Two thousand to two thousand ninety-nine pounds or any fraction thereof, Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for noncommercial use; and Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for commercial use;
- (c) Three thousand to five thousand nine-hundred ninety-nine pounds or any fraction thereof, Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for non-commercial use; and Thirty dollars (\$30.00) for commercial use;
- (d) Six thousand to seven thousand nine-hundred ninety-nine pounds or any fraction thereof, Forty dollars (\$40.00);
- (e) Eight thousand pounds to nine-thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds or any fraction thereof, Forty five dollars (\$45.00);
- (f) Ten-thousand pounds to eleven-thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds or fraction thereof, Fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- (g) Twelve-thousand pounds to thirteen-thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds or fraction thereof, Fifty-five dollars (\$55.00);
- (h) Fourteen thousand pounds to fifteen-thousand, nine

hundred and ninety-nine pounds or fraction thereof, Sixty dollars (\$60.00);

(i) Sixteen-thousand pounds to seventeen-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine pounds or fraction thereof, Seventy dollars (\$70.00);

(j) Eighteen-thousand pounds to nineteen-thousand, nine-hundred and ninety-nine pounds or fraction thereof, Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00);

(k) equal to or greater than ten (10) tons but less than fifteen (15) tons, One-hundred dollars (\$100.00);

(l) equal to or greater than fifteen (15) tons but less than twenty (20) tons, One-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00);

(m) equal to or greater than twenty (20) tons but less than twenty-five (25) tons, One-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00);

(n) equal to or greater than twenty-five (25) tons but less than thirty (30) tons, Two-hundred dollars (\$200.00);

(o) equal to or greater than thirty-five (35) tons but less than forty (40) tons, Two-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225.00);

(p) equal to or greater than forty (40) tons but less than fifty (50) tons, Two-hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275.00);

(q) equal to or greater than fifty (50) tons but less than sixty (60) tons, Three-hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00);

(r) equal to or greater than sixty (60) tons but less than seventy (70) tons, Four-hundred dollars (\$400.00);

(s) equal to or greater than seventy (70) tons but less than eighty (80) tons, Four-hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475.00);

(t) equal to or greater than eighty (80) tons, Five-hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$575.00);

(u) the provisions of this section shall apply to all trucks, dump trucks, bulldozers, diggers, rollers, loaders, scrapers, tractors, cranes, pile drivers, excavators, trenchers, tank trucks, cable trucks, tractor trailers, low beds, flat beds, backhoes, compactors, cement mixing equipment, rock crushing equipment, and any other construction equipment transported or otherwise moving on public roads in the State of Koror."

(3) The revenues generated by the immediately preceding section shall be collected for so long as such vehicles and equipment are transported in the State of Koror, or used in the State of Koror. The funds generated by the immediately preceding section shall be used for the following purposes:

(1) to pay for technical assistance and consultation regarding the disposal of abandoned or junk vehicles, including the environmental and health risks associated with the oils and fluids in such vehicles;

(2) to pay for the removal, disposal, storage, or other activity taken with respect to junk or abandoned vehicles;

(3) to pay for the repair, improvement, and maintenance of public roads in the State of Koror; and

(4) to hire staff or personnel in order to accomplish any of the foregoing.

Section 3. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of portions of this Act are invalid, then such portion shall only be given the maximum effect it may validly be given, if any, but the remaining portions of this Act shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the House of Traditional Leaders, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Section 5. Sunset Date. To the extent required by and under compulsion of of 40 PNCA Section 2102 (c), this Act shall sunset and be of no further force or effect after midnight December 31, 2017 unless prior thereto the Koror State Legislature finds that the object of the legislation have not yet been completely achieved and re-enacts the provisions contained herein.

PASSED: May 13, 1997

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Salvador Tellames, Speaker  
5<sup>th</sup> Koror State Legislature

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlyne Uong, Clerk  
5<sup>th</sup> Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June 1997.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Ibedul Y. M. Gibbons  
House of Traditional Leaders