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AN ACT to amend the *Legal Profession Act 1991*, 19 MIRC Chp. 5.

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

§101. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Act of 2018.

§102. Amendments.

Section 503(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 1991*, 19 MIRC Chp. 5, is amended to read as follows:

§503. Requirements for the practice of law.

- (1) Except as provided for in Section 504 of this Chapter, a person may not engage in the practice of law, provide legal services to another, hold himself out to be a lawyer, trial assistant, police prosecutor or otherwise represent or designate himself to be a lawyer, trial assistant or police prosecutor, unless that person:
 - (a) is 21 years of age or older;
 - (b) if admitted as a lawyer, has graduated from an approved law school;
 - (c) has passed a written examination, which examination shall be selected, developed and administered by the Supreme Court; provided, however that any such written examination shall

include an adequate section on the customary law of the Marshall Islands; and

- (d) has been duly admitted to practice by the Supreme Court or the High Court of the Republic.
- (2) This Section does not apply to persons admitted to practice prior to the date PL.1991-117 came into effect, February 19, 1991.

Section 508 of the *Legal Profession Act 1991*, 19 MIRC Chp. 5, is amended to read as follows:

§508. Rules.

Any rules adopted by the Judiciary pursuant to Section 219 of the *Judiciary Act 1983* (27 MIRC s219), shall be made or revised in accordance with the Constitution, this Chapter, any other Act of the Nitijela, and may include the promulgation of rules:

- (1) that provide differentiated fees for the following:
 - (a) resident lawyers;
 - (b) non-resident lawyers associated with a resident lawyer who at all times participates in a meaningful way in the Republic-related work of the non-resident lawyer, and
 - (c) non-resident lawyers not associated with a resident lawyer who at all times participates in a meaningful way in the Republic-related work of the non-resident lawyer; and
- (2) that establishes a program to certify lawyers as specialists in practice areas.

§103. Effective Date.

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 134 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 5th day of October 2018; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 134 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 29th day of October 2018.

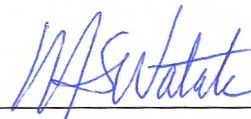


Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi

Speaker

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



Morean S. Watak

Clerk

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

