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**PROHIBITION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
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AN ACT to amend the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act 2017 by adding a new provision establishing the Anti-Human Trafficking Fund.

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

§101. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Act, 2025.

§102. Amendments

(1) A new Part IV and Section 1021A shall be added under Section 1021 as follows:

Part IVA-ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND

§1021A. Identification of Victims of Trafficking in Persons.

- (1) The Anti-Human Trafficking Fund (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund") is hereby established.
- (2) All monies shall be paid to the Ministry of Finance and deposited into the Anti-Human Trafficking (General) Fund Account.
- (3) The Fund shall be under the control and supervision of the Secretary of Finance, whom shall provide for its administration in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2023.
- (4) Payment into and out of the Fund

- (a) There shall be paid into the Fund:
- (i) Any monies appropriated by the Nitijela for the purposes of this Chapter;
 - (ii) All fines paid to and collected by the Courts in violation of this Chapter; and
 - (iii) All grants and gifts received by the Ministry of Justice aside from monies appropriated by the Nitijela.
- (b) The Fund shall be used for the following purposes:
- (i) Towards victim assistance and protection pursuant to Section 1016, Section 1017, Section 1019 and Section 1021 of this Chapter;
 - (ii) Awareness raising activities on all forms of human trafficking, including the development of relevant materials, e.g., pamphlets and signs, and holding meetings with the community;
 - (iii) Training, supplies and equipment in the implementation of this Chapter and related policies and procedures.

§103. Effective Date

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

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 49 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 19th day of September 2025; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 49 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 7th day of October 2025.



Hon. Brenson S. Wase
Speaker
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Attest:



Morean S. Watak
Clerk
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands