



Republic of the Marshall Islands

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# **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2016**

**Introduced by:**

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**HON. MINISTER MATTLAN ZACKHRAS**

**Approved:**

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**HON. SPEAKER KENNETH A. KEDI**

**BILL NO. 33ND1 P.L. 2016- 20**



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**AN ACT** to amend the *National Environmental Protection Act 1984* (35 MIRC Ch. 1) for a unified approach to the management of water and sanitation sector in the RMI

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

**§1. Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the *National Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2016*.

**§2. Amendment**

To include a new section as follows:

**§127A. Integrated Water Resources and Sanitation Management**

- (1) The Authority shall, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Secretary, coordinate the monitoring and implementation of the National Water and Sanitation Policy and its Action Plan (the Policy) by the following:
  - (a) reviewing, recommending and enacting procedures for the monitoring and implementation of the Policy;
  - (b) reviewing and, where necessary, preparing legislation, regulations and policies relevant to the water and sanitation sectors and the declaration and protection of natural water resources;

- (c) establishing performance monitoring systems for water and sanitation providers for annual reviews;
  - (d) reporting to the Cabinet on water resources in the Republic, including water and sanitation outlook;
  - (e) preparing an integrated strategic plan for the water and sanitation sectors for annual review;
  - (f) conducting water and sanitation sector assessments for donor reviews;
  - (g) facilitating periodic water and sanitation sectors program alignment;
  - (h) establishing and managing a water and sanitation database;
  - (i) developing and implementing public communications and awareness programs on water and sanitation issues, including National Water Day activities;
  - (j) monitoring drought status level;
  - (k) overseeing licensing and use of groundwater resources.
- (2) All references to “water use policy” or any variation thereof in the *Planning and Zoning Act 1987* (10 MIRC Ch. 2) shall be repealed.

### §3. Effective Date

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

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#### CERTIFICATE

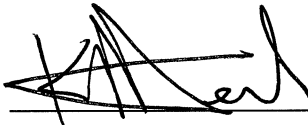
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#### I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Bill No: 33ND1 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016; and

2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: 33ND1 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.



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**Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi**  
Speaker  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**Attest:**



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**Morean Watak**  
Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands