TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, OCTOBER 2019

L.B. No. 12-80

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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To amend the Kosrae State Code by amending Section 13.538 of Title 13 of the Kosrae State Code; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this act is to amend the Kosrae State Code by
 amending Section 13.538 of Title 13 of the Kosrae State Code.

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Section 2. <u>Amendment</u>. Title 13, Chapter 5, Section 13.538 of the Kosrae State

4 Code is hereby amended:

Section 13.538. Possession of a firearm by a Minor. It is unlawful for a minor to
have in his or her possession or under his or her custody, a firearm. A minor, above the
age of fourteen,-who has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control a

8 firearm, shall be guilty of a Category 4 misdemeanor. The State shall confiscate the

9 firearm found in the possession of any minor, above the age of fourteen, and return it to its

10 rightful owner or to the minor when the minor reaches the age of eighteen. A minor,

11 under the age of fourteen, who has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or

12 control a firearm, shall be made to do Court-prescribed community service. Under this

13 provision, any minor, under the age of fourteen, caught with firearms shall be required to

14 receive counseling from the Behavioral Health & Wellness Program under the Department

15 of Health Services. Under this section firearm shall mean any device that is capable of

16 discharging any projectile through a barrel by the force of explosion, a form of

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combustion, spring action, air pressure or CO2 cartridges. Firearms shall include all rifles, 1 guns, BB or pellet devices. 2 Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor 3 or upon its becoming law without such approval. 4 5 Date: <u>10/22/19</u> Introduced by: <u>Bob H. Skilling</u> 6

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