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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 19, Section 19.332 of the Kosrae State Code to create a new Subsection (3) and to consequentially amend Title 13 Section 13.550 thereof , and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. **Purpose.** The purpose and intent of the proposal is to prevent accidental
2 collisions of motor driven vessels operating during night time from occurring. There is a notable
3 increase of motor driven vessels operating during night time without a visible light nor any
4 means to prevent collisions and accidents.

5 Section 2. **Amendments.** The Kosrae State Code, Section 19.332 of the Kosrae State
6 Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 “Section 19.332. Reckless or negligent operation.

8 (1) No person shall operate a motor driven vessel recklessly or with gross,
9 willful or wanton disregard for the lives and safety of the public.

10 (2) No person shall operate a motor driven vessel negligently in such a
11 manner as to constitute a substantial deviation from the standard of care a
12 reasonable person would exercise without due regards for the rights and
13 safety of others.

14 (3) No person shall operate a motor driven vessel without a visible light or
15 any means of precaution to prevent collision or accident from occurring
16 during night time.”

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1 Section 3. **Consequential Amendment**. The Kosrae State Code is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Section 13.550. Negligent Operation of a Motor Driven Vessel. Negligent operation of a
4 motor driven vessel is any act of violation of Section 19.332 (2) or Section 19.332(3).


5 Section 4. **Effective Date**. This act shall become effective upon the approval by the
6 Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

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Date: 2/26/20

Introduced by: 
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