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# H. R. 6273

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOYLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To extend the authorization of certain grants to the governments of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guam Host Commu-  
5 nity Compensation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.**

2 Section 104(e) of the Compact of Free Association  
3 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in the heading, by striking “THE STATE OF  
6 HAWAII,”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2)(A)—

8 (A) by inserting “or” before “the Com-  
9 monwealth”; and

10 (B) by striking “, or the State of Hawaii”;

11 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “2023” and  
12 inserting “2043”; and

13 (4) in paragraph (10)—

14 (A) by striking “2023” and inserting  
15 “2043”; and

16 (B) by striking “Hawaii”.

17 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL INCARCERATION OF CERTAIN CON-**  
18 **VICTED FELONS.**

19 (a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later  
20 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
21 the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the At-  
22 torney General (acting through the Director of the Bureau  
23 of Prisons), shall enter into one or more memorandums  
24 of understanding with appropriate officials of the govern-  
25 ments of each of the several States, the District of Colom-  
26 bia, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

1 Islands, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the United  
2 States Virgin Islands, to ensure that any individual of a  
3 Freely Associated State who is lawfully present in the  
4 United States pursuant to a provision of a Compact of  
5 Free Association and is convicted of a felony is imprisoned  
6 solely in a Federal correctional facility. Such memoran-  
7 dums of understanding shall also provide for the reim-  
8 bursement of the costs of any pre-conviction incarceration  
9 of such individual in a State, territorial, or local correc-  
10 tional facility from the funds of the Bureau of Prisons.

11 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—During any period  
12 in which an applicable memorandum of understanding is  
13 not in effect with respect to an individual described in  
14 paragraph (1), the Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall  
15 reimburse, from the funds of the Bureau of Prisons, the  
16 costs of incarcerating such individual at a non-Federal  
17 correctional facility.

18 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT**

19 **RESIDENCY IN GUAM.**

20 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
21 gress that—

22 (1) the special and unique relationship the  
23 United States and the Freely Associated States  
24 share ought to be enhanced by robust economic co-

1 operation and partnership between migrants of the  
2 two entities;

3 (2) key to this partnership is ensured economic  
4 stability through the bolstering of local markets on  
5 Guam;

6 (3) both employing and employed entities on  
7 the island contribute to the success and proliferation  
8 of the Compacts of Free Association; and

9 (4) the Compacts of Free Association should in-  
10 clude provisions for greater economic success in  
11 Guam through sure employment opportunity.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other require-  
13 ments under law, an individual of any Freely Associated  
14 State may not obtain non-immigrant residency status in  
15 Guam unless the individual, upon arrival, provides the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 (1) Proof of—

18 (A) employment with one or more author-  
19 ized employers, as determined by the Governor  
20 of Guam in consultation with the Secretary of  
21 the Interior and the Secretary of Labor, and  
22 proof of beginning such employment within 10  
23 business days of such arrival; or

24 (B) admission to receive education from  
25 one or more of authorized educational facilities,

1 as determined by the Governor of Guam in con-  
2 sultation with the Secretary of the Interior and  
3 the Secretary of Labor, and proof of beginning  
4 such studies within 10 business days of such ar-  
5 rival.

6 (2) Proof of the residential address at which  
7 the individual will establish residence upon admis-  
8 sion to Guam.

9 **SEC. 5. FREELY ASSOCIATED STATE DEFINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “Freely Associated State”  
11 means—

- 12 (1) the Federated States of Micronesia;  
13 (2) the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and  
14 (3) the Republic of Palau.

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