

**CHAPTER 7.****INTERPRETATION OF APPROPRIATIONS PROVISIONS****OF THE CONSTITUTION****Arrangement of Sections****Section**

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An Act to interpret Article VIII, Section 2(2) of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands.[Section numbering modified to reflect new numbering format]

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**§701. Short title.**

This Chapter may be cited as the “Interpretation (Appropriations) Act 1982”. [P.L. 1982-1, §1.]

**§702. Effect.**

(1) Article VIII, Section 2(2) of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands provides that:

“Except with the recommendation or consent of a member of the Cabinet, the Nitijela shall not proceed further than the first reading of any Bill or amendment thereto introduced by a member of the Nitijela other than a member of the Cabinet, if that Bill would, in the opinion of the Speaker, dispose of or charge any of the public revenues of the Marshall Islands, or revoke or alter (otherwise than by way of reduction) any disposition thereof or charge thereon.....”

(2) In the absence of a specific appropriation provision or a provision charging any amount involved on the General Fund or some other public fund or account, an appropriation or charging is required, and Article V III, Section 2(2) of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands does not apply. [P.L. 1982-1, §2.]

**§703. Application of this Chapter .**

This Chapter applies to any Bill or amendment to a Bill which fixes compensation or does any other thing for which the expenditure of any of the public revenues of the Republic will or may be necessary if the Bill or amendment is to be completely effective. [P.L. 1982-1, §3.]

**§704. Effect of provision to which this Chapter applies.**

Unless any money that is or may be involved is specifically either appropriated, or made a charge on the General Fund or on some other public fund or account, no Bill or amendment to which this Chapter applies, operates to dispose of or charge any of the public revenues of the Republic, and a specific appropriation or charging is required. [P.L.1982-1, §4.]