

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 20177. Support and Coordination for Comprehensive Planning.**

All agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and other instrumentalities of the government of the CNMI shall review their present statutory authority, administrative regulations, and current planning policies and procedures to determine whether there is any duplication, any deficiencies, or inconsistencies therein which prohibit or tend to prohibit integration, coordination, and compliance with respect to the purposes and provisions of this article and shall thereafter propose to the Director at a date determined by the Director such measures as may be necessary to bring their planning authority functions and programs into conformity with the intent, purposes, and procedures set forth in this article. All master plans, development plans, long-range plans, and the like prepared by public agencies shall be submitted to the Director for processing as part of the comprehensive planning program. Emphasis will be placed on the continuing nature of the comprehensive planning program rather than a final completion of a single plan. The Director may assign, with concurrence of the director or other head of the agency involved, planning staffs or portions thereof of staff or line agencies who shall prepare portions of the plan under the supervision of the Office of Planning and Development.

**Source:** [PL 20-20](#) § 3 (Oct. 6, 2017), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission inserted serial commas after “regulations”, “deficiencies”, and “coordination” and changed “comprehensive plan program” to “comprehensive planning program” pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(g). The Commission changed capitalization for the purpose of conformity pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(f).