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**§ 2353. Department of Community and Cultural Affairs: Duties.**

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has broad responsibility over the following:

- (a) Commonwealth functions in the area of social services funded in whole or in part by federal funds, provided that the department shall consult and coordinate its activities with the mayors of Saipan, Rota, Tinian and Aguiguan, and the islands north of Saipan when administering those functions;
- (b) Broadcasting;
- (c) [Repealed.]
- (d) Historic and landmark conservation and preservation;
- (e) Activities to preserve Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions;
- (f) Youth services;
- (g) [Repealed by PL 15-64.]

**Source:** PL 1-8, tit. 1, ch. 7, § 3; amended by PL 1-28, § 3; PL 2-19, § 1; PL 3-5, § 2, modified; PL 6-46, § 19; (g) repealed by PL 15-64, § 2(a).

**Commission Comment:** As enacted, subsection (a) provided that the mayors of Rota and Tinian were to “administer all Commonwealth functions in the area of social services funded in whole or in part by federal funds” on their islands. This revision was inconsistent with later enactments authorizing the Governor to seek implementation, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to actually implement, federally-funded social programs. (See, e.g., PL 1-28, concerning the food stamp program.) The Commission modified subsection (a) to provide for consultation and coordination between the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the offices of the mayors. See PL 1-28, § 3. It should be noted that the Governor is not prohibited from delegating administration of particular programs to mayors in appropriate cases.

In PL 3-5, the legislature purported to add a new subdivision (f) to PL 1-8, tit. 1, ch. 7, § 3. In so doing, it inadvertently overlooked PL 2-19, § 1, which had previously added a subsection (f) relating to youth services. See 1 CMC § 2371 et seq. To give effect to both enactments, the Commission redesignated the more recent amendment as subsection (g).

Regarding subsection (g), PL 13-34, § 7 repealed in entirety PL 9-16 which created and placed the Division of Veteran Affairs (formerly codified as 1 CMC §§ 2391-2394) under the purview of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. In effect, PL 13-34 transferred the functions of the now defunct Division of Veteran Affairs to the Office of the Governor under the newly created Office of Military Liaison and Veteran Affairs. See 1 CMC §§ 20131-20135.

PL 15-64 was enacted on May 30, 2007, and contained, among other enactments and repealers, findings and purpose, global amendment, clarifications, severability, and savings clause provisions. The findings and purpose provision stated:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Commonwealth Legislature finds that with the enactment of various bills into public law, certain minor errors and inconsistencies have prevented the efficient codification

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of a number of laws. It is the intent of this Act to repeal, amend, or add necessary language to the Commonwealth Code in order to more accurately reflect the intent and purpose of laws enacted by the Commonwealth Legislature.