

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT  
DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**§ 2674. Public Lands: Fundamental Policies. [Repealed and reenacted by PL 12-33, § 3.]**

**Source:** PL 10-57, § 3 (2674); new subsection (h) added and subsequent subsections relettered by PL 11-48 § 2; repealed and reenacted by PL 12-33, § 3.

**Commission Comment:** The constitution took effect January 9, 1978.

PL 11-48 took effect on November 6, 1998. Section 1 of PL 11-48 set forth findings as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that under Article XIV, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, Managaha Island is to be maintained as an uninhabited place and used only for cultural and recreational places. The entire Managaha Island is public land and pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, belong collectively to the people of the Commonwealth who are of Northern Mariana descent. Under Article XIV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, all places of importance to the culture, traditions and history of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be protected and preserved. Managaha Island is one of these places.

The Legislature finds that the best guarantee of protecting and preserving places of importance to the culture, traditions and history of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands is to ensure that management of these places, to the maximum extent possible, be first offered to persons of Northern Marianas descent. Only after good faith efforts have been made by the Division to lease these places to persons of Northern Marianas descent, including corporations pursuant to Article XII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands, may the Division open such places to other persons or corporations.

PL 12-33, § 3, which took effect December 5, 2000, repealed and reenacted Article 3 as Chapter 14 under Division 2 of Title 1.