

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 8: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

§ 8152. Coercion of Public Employees for Political Purposes Made Unlawful.

(a) "Government employee" means any person employed by a branch, agency, department, commission, board, authority or public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, whether in the civil service system or otherwise.

(b) It is an offense for any person to cause or threaten to be caused a demotion in rank or civil service classification or position, or a decrease in pay or any other benefit, or tenure of employment, of any government employee, with intent to discourage or encourage such government employee to support any candidate for public office, initiative or referendum, or political party.

(c) A person convicted of the offense of coercion of a government employee pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be punished by not more than six months imprisonment, a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Source: PL 4-58, § 2, modified; repealed and reenacted by PL 17-80 § 3 (8152) (August 31, 2012).