

**TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 4: EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION**

**§ 4944. Powers of the Hearing Officer.**

A hearing officer shall have general power to issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, require production of books, papers, documents and records, administer oaths, and such other powers as may be necessary to implement this chapter effectively. A hearing officer may refer a matter to the Department for investigation if the hearing officer deems investigation warranted and justified under the circumstances.

**Source:** PL 15-108, § 4(4944); PL 17-1 § 5(Q) (March 22, 2010).\*

**Commission Comment:** \*PL 17-1 (enacted on March 22, 2010) contained the following effective date provision:

Section 12. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or becoming law without such approval and shall be retroactive to November 28, 2009 except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

For more information regarding Public Law 17-1, see comment to 3 CMC § 4511.