

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

§ 3327. Mandatory Notary Services.

The following offices shall ensure that at least one of their employees is a certified notary public to provide such notary services free of charge to residents of the CNMI:

- (a) Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board;
- (b) CNMI Scholarship Office;
- (c) Marianas Hawaii Liaison Office;
- (d) CNMI Liaison Office, Guam;
- (e) Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Office;
- (f) Office of the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Scholarship Board; and
- (g) United States House of Representative for the CNMI in Washington, D.C.

Source: PL 17-24 § 2(101).

Commission Comment: Public Law 17-24 (enacted on October 25, 2010) contained severability and savings provisions and the following:

Section 1. Findings and Purposes. The Legislature finds that there are instances where CNMI residents abroad are burdened with seeking out notary publics and the financial expenses associated with notarizing their documents for schools and other matters. With the established office of The United States House of Representative for the CNMI in Washington, D.C., liaison offices in Hawaii and Guam, it is reasonable to require that such offices have an employee certified as a notary public to defray such hardships. The Legislature further finds it reasonable to require that the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board, the CNMI Scholarship Office, the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Office, and the Office of the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Scholarship Board have an employee certified as a notary public for the efficient processing of scholarship documentation. It is therefore the purpose of this Act to require the United States House of Representative for the CNMI in Washington, D.C., liaison offices in Hawaii and Guam, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Board, the Scholarship Office, the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Office, and the Office of the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Scholarship Board to have an employee certified as a notary public.