

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION

§ 5590. Enforcement Powers.

The Department of Commerce, Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, shall have all the powers of peace officers in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department adopted under the provision of this chapter. Law Enforcement Officers under the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division shall have full arresting authority, carry firearms, and must meet the standards as set forth in 6 CMC § 2208(a), (b), (c), (d). All law enforcement officers under the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division shall obtain training certification and safety standards provided by the range master of the Department of Public Safety to responsibly, safely and properly handle or carry firearms. It shall be the duty of an Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division Law Enforcement Officer, in addition to enforcing and upholding the CNMI laws, to investigate and make arrests for violations of the CNMI Business and Professions Code in the areas within their primary jurisdiction which are licensed by the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division. With the exception of existing or actively employed Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division Law Enforcement Officers which shall be grandfathered from the provisions of this chapter, any future hiring of Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division law enforcement officers, after this Act becomes law, shall be required to attend the combined law enforcement academy prior to employment, except for prospective applicants who have previously taken and graduated from the combined law enforcement academy or police academy.

Source: MIDC § 11.20.010; PL 17-83 § 3 (Sept. 23, 2012), repealed and re-enacted; amended by [PL 19-30](#) § 6 (Jan. 21, 2016).

Commission Comment: [PL 17-83](#) § 3 repealed and re-enacted Title 4 CMC, Division 5, Chapter 5, Article 5. The Commission has renumbered and correct the article number pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(c\) and \(g\)](#) to reflect a repeal and re-enactment of the applicable sections of Article 6 as the entire substance of the repeal and re-enactment exclusively concerns enforcement and penalties.

See the comment to [4 CMC § 5511](#).

[PL 19-30](#) § 6 (Jan. 21, 2016) amended [4 CMC § 5590](#). The Commission codified the section without modification.