

TITLE 90: MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

CHAPTER 90-10 COMMONWEALTH FILM, VIDEO AND MEDIA OFFICE

Chapter Authority: [4 CMC §§ 2151](#)-2156.

Chapter History:

Commission Comment: [PL 11-15](#) (effective June 17, 1998), the “Marianas Visitors Authority Act of 1998,” codified as amended at [4 CMC §§ 2101](#)-2145, created the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) as the successor to the Marianas Visitors Bureau. The Marianas Visitors Bureau had existed in accordance with title 4, div. 2, ch. 1 of the Commonwealth Code since February 11, 1976. [PL 11-15](#) § 23 repealed title 4, div. 2, ch. 1 and enacted new statutory provisions creating the Marianas Visitors Authority and charging MVA with promoting tourism in the Commonwealth. See [4 CMC §§ 2102](#) and 2103; see also the commission comment to [4 CMC § 2101](#).

[PL 11-15](#) § 22 also vacated Executive Order 94-3 § 302(b). Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994) reorganized the Commonwealth government executive branch, changed agency names and official titles and effected numerous other revisions. Executive Order 94-3 § 302(b) allocated the Marianas Visitors Bureau to the Department of Commerce for purposes of administration and made changes to the structure of the Bureau’s Board of Directors. The full text of Executive Order 94-3 is set forth in the commission comment to [1 CMC § 2001](#).

[PL 11-15](#) §§ 17-21, [4 CMC §§ 2141](#)-2145, provide for the transition of property, personnel and authority from the Marianas Visitors Bureau to the MVA. [PL 11-15](#) § 15, [4 CMC § 2128](#), authorizes MVA to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the act.

[PL 13-29](#) (effective Nov. 14, 2002), codified at [4 CMC §§ 2151](#)-2156, establishes a Commonwealth Film, Video and Media Office within the Marianas Visitors Authority. The office is charged with encouraging the film and media industries in the Commonwealth and issuing permits for all film, video and media-related projects. [4 CMC § 2151](#). [4 CMC § 2155](#) authorizes MVA to issue regulations to carry out the provisions of the act.

[PL 17-54](#) (Sept. 26, 2011) changed the composition of the Marianas Visitors Authority’s board of directors.

[Reserved for future regulations of the Commonwealth Film, Video and Media Office.]