

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§ 2802. The Secretary.

The Department shall be headed by a Secretary to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary shall be a person of Northern Marianas descent as defined by Article XII of the Constitution. The Secretary shall have experience and credentials appropriate to the position. The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be held to strict standards of fiduciary care, and may be removed for any reason.

Source: PL 12-33, § 3 (102); subsection (c) added by PL 12-71, § 2 (b), modified; repealed and re-enacted by PL 15-2, § 3 (102), modified.

Commission Comment: The Board of Public Lands, which succeeded the Marianas Public Lands Corporation, was abolished by PL 12-71, § 2 (a) and replaced with the Marianas Public Lands Authority without conforming amendments to other sections of the act as enacted by PL 12-33. See comment to 1 CMC § 2801 regarding other technical deficiencies contained in PL 12-71.

The constitution being referred to in the above section is the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The full text of the Constitution can be found in the preface materials of volume 1 of the Commonwealth Code.