

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 3: JUDICIAL BRANCH**

§ 3809. Revolving Fund.

(a) There is hereby created the Law Revision Commission Revolving Fund, which shall be accounted for separately from the General Fund.

(b) All monies received either as payment for commission publications or as legislative appropriations for printing or photocopying such publications, or for compiling them in electronic media, shall be deposited into the revolving fund. Expenditure authority over the revolving fund is vested in the chair of the commission.

(c) Moneys in the revolving fund shall be used to pay for printing or photocopying commission publications or for compiling such publications in electronic media, and may be used with the approval of the expenditure authority and concurrence of three-fifths of the commission, to pay for personnel costs necessary for carrying out this chapter. With respect to managing the revolving fund and expending moneys from it, the commission is exempt from title 1, division 7, part 1, chapters 1 through 7 [[1 CMC §§ 7101 et seq.](#)].

Source: [PL 8-22](#), § 3 (§ 3809), modified; amended by [PL 21-22](#), § 2 (Apr. 8, 2020), modified.

Commission Comment: In addition to severability and savings clause provisions, [PL 21-22](#) included the following Findings and Purpose section:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

The Commonwealth Legislature finds that [Public Law 8-22](#) established the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission tasked with the sole responsibility of codifying Commonwealth laws of a permanent nature and publishing, in a reporter system, decisions of the Commonwealth judiciary as well as producing, publishing and periodically revising a Commonwealth Administrative Code consisting of Commonwealth administrative rules which is to the benefit of all branches of government in the CNMI. However, the Commonwealth Legislature recognizes that budgetary shortfalls and fiscal declines in the CNMI inadvertently affects the Law Revision Commission's ability to effectively and efficiently carry out their duties as set forth in [Public Law 8-22](#).

Therefore, the Commonwealth Legislature further finds that in times of extreme need, the Law Revision Commission Revolving Fund should be available not only for printing and publication costs, but also for the Commission's personnel costs to provide the needed flexibility to fully implement their mandate. To ensure that this authority is used only when necessary, the Commonwealth Legislature further finds that a good cause requirement and a three-fifths vote should be met before the revolving fund may be reprogrammed to fund personnel.