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**§ 9501. Short Title.**

This act may be cited as the “Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013.”

**Source:** PL 4-66, § 1 (§ 9401), modified; repealed by PL 18-49 § 4(c) (May 7, 2014); new section enacted by PL 18-49 § 1 (May 7, 2014).

**Commission Comment:** PL 4-66 took effect October 2, 1985. PL 4-66, § 3 repealed DL 5-52, as amended by PL 2-8.

Executive Order 94-3, the “Second Reorganization Plan of 1994” (effective August 23, 1994), reorganized the Commonwealth government executive branch, changed agency names and official titles and effected numerous other revisions. According to Executive Order 94-3, § 308(a) and (b):

**Section 308. Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.**

(a) **Sports and Recreation.** There is established in the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs a Division of Sports and Recreation, which shall have at its head a Director of Sports and Recreation. The Division shall develop and administer programs relating to team and individual sports, recreational activities, and physical fitness for youth and adults, including senior citizens and persons with mental or physical disabilities.

(b) **Amateur Sports Association.** The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is allocated to the Division of Sports and Recreation of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for purposes of administration and coordination.

The full text of Executive Order 94-3 is set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.

PL 18-49 (May 7, 2014) contained, in addition to savings and severability clauses, the following Statement of Purpose, and Transitional Provisions sections:

Section 2. Statement of Purpose. The Legislature finds that a strong and independent national sports organization is essential to the promotion and development of sports in the Commonwealth. The existing legislation establishing the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, 1 CMC §9501 et seq., was enacted in 1985, and no longer meets the needs of the sporting community in the Commonwealth. This act repeals the existing law, and re-establishes our national sporting organization as the Northern Marianas Sports Association, NMSA, a private non-profit corporation. This act is modeled on United States law establishing the United States Olympic Committee.

Section 5. Transitional Provisions.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs may transfer unobligated appropriations for the Division of Sports and Recreation to the corporation, for expenditure by the corporation. The corporation may expend such appropriations for its general purposes without restriction.

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(b) All property used by the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association shall be transferred to the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

(c) The initial board of directors of the Corporation shall be the members of the Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association as they exist on the effective date of this Act.