

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: THE ENVIRONMENT

§ 3416. Penalties.

(a) A person found to have committed the offense of littering, an infraction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$5,000. Additionally, any person, business, corporation, association, partnership, or sole proprietorship or any other entity conducting business for a commercial purpose found to have committed the infraction of littering created by this chapter may be ordered to pick up and remove litter from a public place under the supervision of the DPS or BECQ, or under the supervision of such agency as the court shall otherwise provide, for a period not exceeding eight hours for each offense. Furthermore, persons, businesses, corporations, associations, partnerships, or sole proprietorships or any other entity conducting business for a commercial purpose found to have committed the infraction of littering shall be required to pay the costs of removing any litter they caused.

(b) A person, business, corporation, association, partnership, or sole proprietorship or any other entity conducting business for a commercial purpose charged with a first violation may avoid a court hearing by paying the amount of the minimum fine.

(c) Litter Control Program Fund Account. Consistent with this Act, the Secretary of Finance shall establish a new Litter Control Program Fund account for the sole purpose of supporting the costs of administering the Litter Control Program, including Litter Control enforcement, training, and public education and outreach. The expenditure authority for the Litter Control Program Fund shall be the Administrator of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. Fifty percent of the fines collected as a result of the issuance of litter citations shall be deposited in this special fund account. The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality may further prepare and submit a detailed proposed budget to the Legislature for appropriations to the Litter Control Program Fund to ensure proper funding for the Litter Control Program. These funds shall be used solely for the effective implementation of this Act.

(d) A Litter Control Advisory Board shall be created to oversee the management and operations of the litter control program. Members shall be comprised of the following departments and agencies: BECQ, DPS, DLNR, Department of Commerce, Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Public Health, and MVA.

Source: [PL 6-37](#), § 8; (a)–(b) amended, and (c)–(d) enacted by [PL 19-53](#) § 6 (July 15, 2016), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission struck the figure “(50%)” in (c) as a mere repetition of written words pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(e\)](#).