

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES

§ 43101. Short Title.

This article may be cited as the “Northern Islands Homestead Act of 2008.”

Source: PL 16-50 § 4(101) (January 15, 2010), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed all occurrences of “this Act” to “this article” pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d). Public Law 16-50 (enacted on January 15, 2010) contained findings, severability and savings clause provisions and the following:

Section 3. Purpose: It is the purpose of this Act: (a) To establish the Northern Islands Village and Agricultural Homesteading Program for the residents of the islands north of Saipan who are currently residing or have resided on those islands without any approved village or agricultural homestead lots, and to any qualified person interested to reside in the islands north of Saipan.

(b) To enable the residents of the islands north of Saipan who are holder of a homestead permit to avail of housing loan pursuant to 2 CMC § 4336 and 2 CMC § 4337; allowing them to borrow money and build a safe, decent, and sanitary home for their families.

(c) To initiate and promote economic development in the islands north of Saipan through long-term commercial land leases to sustain a more permanent settlements and to make the islands north of Saipan socially and economically active and eventually contributes to the CNMI economy.

(d) To provide the Department of Public Lands with sufficient authority and flexibility to implement and administer this Act.

(e) To allow the Department of Public Lands to review claims that may be qualified under 2 CMC § 4323 on their merits by removing the time limitation provision established under 2 CMC § 4324(c).