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§ 2101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority.
- (b) “Fund” means the MVA Operations Fund.
- (c) “Managing Director” means a managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority.
- (d) “MVA” means the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Source: PL 11-15, § 3, modified.

Commission Comment: PL 11-15 took effect on June 17, 1998. PL 11-15, § 23 repealed the provisions of the Marianas Visitors Bureau (chap. 1, div. 4 of this title) created by DL 4-145, which took effect February 11, 1976. DL 4-145, § 12 had repealed MIDC chapters 3.24 (relating to the Mariana Tourist Commission) and 3.36 (relating to the Board of Tourist and Travel Industry). PL 11-15, § 22 repealed section 302(b) of Executive Order 94-3. See Commission comment to 2 CMC § 2141 for the text of section 302(b).

The provisions of PL 11-15 created a new Marianas Visitors Authority. Sections 1 and 2 of PL 11-15 stated as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Policy. The Legislature finds that tourism is an important industry in the Northern Mariana Islands and is a source of employment and business opportunity for the residents of the Commonwealth. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Commonwealth that the continued development of the tourism industry should be encouraged, and in order to provide for the orderly development of this industry and to realize its full potential, it is necessary to establish a public corporation utilizing government, tourist-oriented businesses, and community leaders.

Section 2. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the “Marianas Visitors Authority Act of 1998.”

PL 11-15 also contained repealers, title changes, severability, and savings clauses as follows:

Section 22. Repealer: Marianas Visitors Bureau Abolished. Executive Order 94-3, Section 302(b) is hereby vacated in its entirety.

Section 23. Repealer. Chapter 1 of Division 2 of Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code is hereby repealed.

Section 24. Titles Changed. Amend the following by replacing the words “Marianas Visitors Bureau” with “Marianas Visitors Authority”: 1 CMC §7103(n); 1 CMC §7401(n); 2 CMC §1521; 2 CMC §3411(b); 2 CMC §4875(a)(6); 2 CMC §7223(c); 4 CMC §1803(b) and (c); and 9 CMC §5807(b).

Section 25. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 26. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired

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under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.