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**§ 1617. Appointment as Non-Voting Honorary Members of Boards and Commissions.**

Notwithstanding the requirements of 1 CMC § 2901(a), the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall appoint individual members of the Youth Congress to serve as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth board and commission except those boards and commissions whose membership is provided for in the Commonwealth Constitution. Membership on a board or commission shall expire when the members Youth Congress term expires. Participation by these members shall be limited to those meetings in which the general public has access pursuant to Public Law 8-41, codified as 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., the Open Government Act. Participation by Youth Congress members shall be limited to meetings held on the islands of the Commonwealth in which the members reside. Youth Congress members serving in an honorary position are not authorized to travel in connection with their service on boards and commissions. Youth Congress members serving in an honorary position shall not receive compensation in any form for attendance at meetings of the board nor any other compensation such as subsistence or out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the discharge of their responsibilities.

**Source:** PL 12-43, § 3; amended by PL 13-55, § 1; repealed and re-enacted by PL 17-22 § 3(1617) (October 15, 2010).

**Commission Comment:** PL 12-43 took effect April 20, 2001, and contained the following short title, findings and purpose, and severability clause provisions:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “Youth Congress Non-Voting Honorary Members Act of 2000.”

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that one of the main functions of the Northern Marianas Islands Youth Congress as established in the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress Act of 1993 (PL 8-27), is to serve as a training ground for the Commonwealth’s future leaders. The Legislature finds that the various board and commissions of the Commonwealth provide an invaluable insight into the many activities that affect the lives of every person within the Commonwealth and that the youth of the Commonwealth would benefit greatly from exposure to and participation in the activities of the boards and commission of the Commonwealth.

It is the purpose of this bill to provide for the appointment of individual members of the Youth Congress as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth board and commission except those boards and commissions whose membership is provided for in the Commonwealth Constitution.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances should be held valid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or

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the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

PL 13-55 was enacted on July 3, 2003.