

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 2482. Central Statistics Division Created; Authority; Cooperation; Coordination of Surveys.**

(a) There is in the Department of Commerce and Labor a Central Statistics Division to be headed by a Chief of Statistics.

(b) The Central Statistics Division is authorized to collect, compile and report all official statistics covering social, economic and demographic fields as required for the purpose of making policy decisions and to carry out the purposes of this article and to conduct pertinent censuses and surveys. Information shall be collected to enable the production of official statistics relating to the following:

- (1) Population and housing;
- (2) Health, welfare and morbidity;
- (3) Law enforcement and the administration of justice;
- (4) Data relating to social and physical environment;
- (5) Labor force, employment and unemployment;
- (6) Accidents and injuries;
- (7) Income expenditure and taxation;
- (8) Land tenure and land use;
- (9) Assets and liabilities;
- (10) Prices;
- (11) Trade and finance;
- (12) Travel and transportation;
- (13) Economic, financial, manufacturing, production, and administrative activities;
- (14) All government maintenance and operation programs; and
- (15) Other related matters.

(c) All department and agency heads and government employees required by this article, or by regulations duly promulgated and adopted by the Department of Commerce and Labor, to provide certain required information, shall inform, submit or provide such information to the chief, Central Statistics Division, or his or her designee, without delay. Private individuals and businesses shall, unless required by law, provide information on a voluntary basis.

(d) The Central Statistics Division is empowered to plan, design and execute various types of statistical surveys that are necessary for compilation and publication of the official statistical surveys. Any statistical surveys to be conducted by any branch or subdivision of the Commonwealth government shall be approved by the Statistical Advisory Council and coordinated with the Central Statistics Division prior to undertaking.

**Source:** PL 7-35, § 3, modified.

**Commission Comment:** To enhance clarity, the Commission inserted “activities” after “administrative” in subsection (b)(13) and substituted “matters” for “statistics” in subsection (b)(15).

With respect to the reference to the “Department of Commerce and Labor,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 1 CMC § 2451.