

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: HEALTH

§ 2821. Short Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Act of 2008."

Source: PL 16-51 § 3(2801) (January 15, 2010).

Commission Comment: Public Law 16-51 (enacted on January 15, 2010) included severability and savings clause provisions and the following:

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the healthcare service under the Department of Public Health is not operating as effectively as demanded by the consumers of its healthcare. Several factors are responsible, including a changing environment for public healthcare financing, stagnant public funding, and difficulties in procurement, recruiting and staffing. The establishment of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will allow management more flexibility and authority to independently meet the acute and long-term healthcare needs of the Commonwealth. The establishment of an advisory body representative of the community will ensure that healthcare management receives the advice it needs to guide the Corporation toward increased financial self-sufficiency.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation develop and regulate, as necessary, a high quality, efficient, and market oriented public healthcare delivery system in the CNMI. To the extent it determines prudent, this Act authorizes the Corporation to enter into performance management contracts and other types of contracts with the nonprofit and private sector for management functions and delivery of healthcare services.

The purpose of this Act is to establish the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, a public corporation, to coordinate the delivery of quality healthcare to all Commonwealth residents in a financially responsible manner. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation is intended to be a professionally managed, nationally accredited, independent public healthcare institution that is as financially self-sufficient and independent of the Commonwealth Government as is possible.