

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION

§ 51903. Prohibit the Offer or Sale of Betel Nut to Minors.

(a) No person or business entity shall offer, give, sell or permit his/her employee or agent to sell, offer, or give betel nut to any person who is under the age of 18 (a minor).

(b) Unless based on actual knowledge or reasonably certain that the person buying betel nut is at least 18 years old, no person or business establishment shall sell or permit his/her employee or agent to sell areca nut (betel nut) to any person without first demanding that the person present an official government document of identification issued by the CNMI Government, Municipalities of the CNMI, the United States Government, United States' states, United States territories, or by foreign governments which bears the person's full name, current photograph, sex, and date of birth indicating that the possessor is 18 years of age or older and that said presentation and verification occurs.

(c) No person under the age of 18 years shall purchase from any business establishment, consume, or possess any areca nut (betel nut) at any time.

(d) No person, parent or legal guardian, shall permit or allow any minor under the age of 18 years, having lawful custody, permanent or temporary, to possess or consume any areca nut (betel nut) at any given time.

Source: [PL 19-66](#) § 2 (Sept. 23, 2016), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed “or consume, possess” to “consume, or possess” in (c) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).