

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 9: LABOR**

**§ 9351. Administration.**

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided the Workers' Compensation Commission shall administer the provisions of this chapter, and for such purpose the commission may:

(1) Make rules and regulations in conformance with this chapter, including any requirements it reasonably determines are necessary to assure timely payment of compensation and reporting by insurance carriers of compensable injuries;

(2) Select technical assistants, medical advisors, officers, and employees, as it deems necessary; and

(3) Make from appropriated funds such expenditures (including expenditures for personal services, rent, law books of reference, periodicals, and printing, binding and other necessities) as it deems necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

(b) The Members of the Commission as defined in 4 CMC § 9302(e) shall serve as the Workers' Compensation Commission. Whenever possible persons employed by the Department of Commerce shall also render services to the Workers' Compensation Commission. Members of the Commission shall be exempt from 1 CMC § 2901 (d), (f), and (g). If any member of the commission is removed from office or for any reason ceases to act as a member, all of his official records and papers shall be transferred to the commission. No member nor any business associate of a member shall appear as attorney in any proceedings under this chapter, and no member shall act in any such case in which he has an interest, or when he is employed by any party in interest or related to any party in interest by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree as determined by the common law.

(c) [repealed]

**Source:** PL 6-33, § 1 (§ 9351); (b) amended by PL 17-88 § 3 and (c) repealed (November 9, 2012).

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed the location of apostrophes from "Worker's Compensation" to "Workers' Compensation" as necessary pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).