

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 2: REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

§ 2501. Short Title.

This Act shall be cited as “The CNMI Selective Service Enrollment Act of 2000.”

Source: PL 12-78, § 1.

Commission Comment: PL 12-78, which took effect November 30, 2001, contained the following findings and purpose, along with severability and savings clause provisions:

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Federal United States (Military Selective Service Act or “MSSA”) is not currently being complied with by many CNMI citizens and permanent residents. The MSSA requires that all male registrants residing in the United States, Territories and Possessions as permanent residents who are at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than twenty-six (26) years of age must register with Selective Service. CNMI males citizens and permanent residents under eighteen years of age and over twenty-six years of age are not required to register. The legislature finds that many individuals, through failure to register with Selective Service, are missing out on federal opportunities that would otherwise be available to them. For example, unregistered males in the Commonwealth do not meet the requirements to apply for federal student aid loans and grants. As well, in order to become employed in government jobs and in order to train under the Workforce Investment Act, a man within this age bracket must be registered with Selective Service. The legislature finds moreover that there are criminal penalties associated with failure to register. Failure to register constitutes a violation of federal law. Because of the combined aspects of the existence of the law and mandatory provisions therein, potential lost opportunities to CNMI youth, and possible criminal sanctions for lack of compliance, the legislature finds herein that it is in the interests of the Commonwealth to institute a system that will ensure that all prospective registrant’s are duly registered.