

(11) Department [.] or Administration mean [The Department of Motor Vehicles of this State] *the State Motor Vehicle Administration established pursuant to Article 41, Section 207E, of this Code, and acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.*

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The [Commissioner] *Administrator* subject to the approval of the [Governor] *Secretary of Transportation* and subject to the Maryland Merit System Laws shall appoint a deputy [commissioner of motor vehicles] *administrator* and such other deputies, subordinate officers, clerks, inspectors, and other employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article. All such officers and employees shall receive such salaries as may be fixed by the Standard Salary Board or its successor and provided for in the State budget.

10.

(a) The [Commissioner] *Administrator*, subject to the authority of the *Secretary of Transportation*, as set forth in Article 41 of this Code or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland, is hereby vested with the power and is charged with the duty of observing, administering, and enforcing the provisions of this article relating to the [Department] *State Motor Vehicle Administration*. The *Secretary of Transportation*, by regulations or directives, may require that the exercise by the *Administrator* or other employees of the *State Motor Vehicle Administration* of any particular power, duty or function vested in the *Administrator* or *Administration* by the provisions of this Article, be subject to the approval of the *Secretary of Transportation*.

(b) The [Commissioner] *Administrator*, subject to the provisions of Article 41, Section 208(b), of this Code, is hereby authorized to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article as they relate to the [Department] *Administration* and any other laws the enforcement and administration of which are vested in the [Department] *Administration*.

(c) The [Commissioner] *Administrator* shall adopt an official seal for the use of the [Department] *Administration*.

[(e)] (d) Absence of [Commissioner] *Administrator*—In case of the absence of the [Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] *Administrator* or his inability, from any cause, to perform the duties of his office, the deputy [commissioner of motor vehicles] *administrator* shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the said [Commissioner] *Administrator* during his absence or inability as aforesaid.

11.

The [Commissioner] *Administrator* shall maintain an office in the City of Baltimore, or in one of the counties of Maryland adjoining and contiguous to the City of Baltimore. It shall be kept open daily, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, during such hours as the [Governor] *Secretary of Transportation* may prescribe.