

*and if said employees are members of the merit system, they shall retain their merit system status. All books, papers, files, records, furniture, fixtures, and all other personal property owned by or in the custody, as of August 31, 1970, of the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall be transferred to and be in the ownership or custody of the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development. All appropriations and credits on the books, papers, and accounts of the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, as of August 31, 1970, for and to the credit of said Authority and/or Division, and all liabilities and obligations as of August 31, 1970, of said Authority and/or Division, shall be transferred to and become the appropriations, credits, liabilities, and obligations of the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development. All forms of the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs existing on August 31, 1970, together with all rules, regulations, orders and other directives relating thereto, or promulgated thereby, and then in effect, shall continue in force pending exercise by the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development. All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall continue in force unless and until changed by the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Marketing Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development.*

**SEC. 18A 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT SECTIONS 1 AND 2 AND 8 OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND OF 1968, RELATING TO THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

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**THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AS A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "COMMISSION." THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVE AT [HIS] THE GOVERNOR'S PLEASURE. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS. OF THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND THREE SHALL BE AP-**