

Department of Licensing and Regulation are to be confirmed in the office position or classification which they hold as of June 30, 1970; and to provide for the abolition of the Central Licensing Office and the transfer of all classified employees and personal property of said Central Licensing Office to the Department of Licensing and Regulation; and to provide that all forms in use by the units of State government included within the Department of Licensing and Regulation together with all rules and regulations, orders and directives relating to said units of State government shall continue in full force and effect pending exercise by the Secretary or the units of State government covered by this Act; and relating generally to the creation of the State Department of Licensing and Regulation and the laws of Maryland involving those boards, commissions, bureaus, offices, agencies, and other units of State government to be included in the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 221 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Licensing Boards," be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety and that new Sections 221, 221A, 221B, 221C, 221D, and 221E are hereby enacted, to be under the same title but under the new subtitle "The Department of Licensing and Regulation," all to read as follows:*

THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

221.

(a) The Department of Licensing and Regulation is hereby created as a principal department of the State Government. The head of the Department of Licensing and Regulation shall be the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The Secretary of Licensing and Regulation shall receive such salary as provided in the State Budget. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be directly responsible to the Governor, and shall counsel and advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. The Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies in the areas of licensing and regulation.

(c) The Secretary of Licensing and Regulation shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and may reorganize or abolish the same as necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to him.

221A.

(a) The following Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Offices, Divisions, and Units of the State Government shall be included within the Department of Licensing and Regulation: The State Athletic Commission, the Banking Board, the Bank Commissioner, the Division of Buildings, Savings and Loan Association Commissioners, the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, the