

(f) The Secretary of Licensing and Regulation may investigate and/or hold hearings concerning any complaint or grievance about the operation of any department or other unit included within the Department of Licensing and Regulation, and report his findings to the Governor.

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(b) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall also have attached to his office such assistants, professional consultants and employees as are provided for in the State budget. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and designate assistants to be in charge of such areas. All staff [assistant] assistants in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility, and all professional consultants shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. All other employees of the Secretary's office, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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There shall be established and continued a Seafood Marketing Authority and a Division of Market Development as the same Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs hitherto existing. The Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development shall be part of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Said Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development shall have the powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions provided in the laws of this State for the establishment in the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs for a Market Development Section. All references in this Code, in any other laws of this State, or in ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, legal actions, directives or documents to the Market Development Section of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall be deemed to mean the Seafood Marketing Authority and the Division of Market Development. From and after September 1, 1970, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions, heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall be transferred to and exercised by the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development and subject to the authority of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development as set forth in this Code. All persons who are, as of August 31, 1970, employees of the Seafood Marketing Authority and/or the Division of Market Development of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall be transferred to the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development of the Department of Economic and Community Development in the same position and classification which they hold as of August 31, 1970; 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 trans-