

SUBTITLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1-201. VERIFICATION.

A REQUIREMENT IN THIS ARTICLE THAT A DOCUMENT BE VERIFIED MEANS THAT THE DOCUMENT SHALL BE VERIFIED BY A DECLARATION MADE UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE MATTERS AND FACTS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF THE KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF OF THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE DECLARATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language added for consistency with other revised articles of the Code. See, e.g., FI § 1-202(b) and EN § 1-201(a).

Throughout this article, the requirement that a document be "verified" is substituted for the former requirements that a document be "signed and sworn to" or be "sworn to". See, e.g., §§ 3-206(b) and 4-203(d)(3) of this article.

TITLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

SUBTITLE 1. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

2-101. ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 41, § 4-101(a).

It is set forth as a separate section for emphasis.

See also SG § 8-201, which lists the principal departments of State government.

2-102. SECRETARY.

(A) POSITION AND APPOINTMENT.

(1) WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(2) THE SECRETARY IS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) OATH.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(C) RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNOR.

(1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.