

archaeological-related powers and functions; and

WHEREAS, The more appropriate department for the performance of the powers and duties related to the State's general archaeological resources is the Department of Housing and Community Development; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Natural Resources**

2-101.

- (a) In this title, the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Department" means Department of Natural Resources.
- (c) "Survey" means Maryland Geological Survey.
- (d) "Secretary" means Secretary of Natural Resources.
- (e) "Commission" means Commission of the Maryland Geological Survey.
- (f) ["Committee" means Advisory Committee on Archaeology.]  
"PALEONTOLOGY" MEANS THE BRANCH OF GEOLOGY THAT DEALS WITH PREHISTORIC FORMS OF LIFE THROUGH THE STUDY OF PLANT AND ANIMAL FOSSILS.

2-201.

- (a) There is a Maryland Geological Survey in the Department.
- (b) The Governor, with the advice of the Secretary, shall appoint the Director of the Survey. The Director shall hold office under and subject to the provisions of § 1-101(d) of this article. He shall be a person with executive ability, and special training and experience in handling problems in the fields of geology and water resources.

2-202.

The Survey shall:

- (1) Conduct topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and geophysical surveys;
- (2) Prepare topographic, geologic, and other types of maps to meet specific needs;
- (3) Prepare reports on the extent and character of the State's geology, mineral, and water resources; AND
- (4) [Supervise provisions relating to archaeology as set forth in Subtitle 3 of this title] PERIODICALLY ASSESS THE PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND COORDINATE THE ASSESSMENT WITH INTERESTED PERSONS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES.