

tia," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall have a commissioned grade not above that of Major General, and his salary shall be as stated in the annual Budget. He may be appointed by the Governor as Chief of Staff of the Governor's Staff.

An Assistant Adjutant General may be appointed by the Governor, and his term of office shall be at the pleasure of the Governor. He shall have a commissioned grade not above that of Brigadier General. He may be appointed by the Governor as Chief of Staff of the Governor's Staff. He will perform such military duties as may be assigned him by the Governor.

The Assistant Adjutant General may also be appointed by the Governor as Chairman of the Maryland Veterans Commission. He may be paid a salary, to be fixed by the Governor, out of the appropriation made in the budget for the administration of the Maryland Veterans Commission.

The age limitation for members of the Organized Militia and for commissioned officers prescribed in Sections 5, 17 and 19 of Article 65 shall not apply to the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General.

The Governor may choose a Staff consisting of the Adjutant General and/or the Assistant Adjutant General, and not more than ten Aides. The Aides will be selected by the Governor from among the Commissioned Officers of the National Guard (active or inactive). Each of them may receive an appointment as Aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed; nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with the organization to which he is assigned, except when actually on duty as Aide under the orders of the Governor.

The appointment of a Chief of Staff and of Aides shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor, in his discretion, may by executive order transfer any or all of the strictly administrative duties of the Ranking Line Officer to the Adjutant General or Assistant Adjutant General, provided that any such transfer shall not affect the control of the Ranking Line Officer over the tactical command and training of the units and organizations of the National Guard, or his general control of the Military Department, in all of which the Ranking Line Officer shall continue to function under the direct orders of the Governor.