

tion", sub-title "Bureau of Mines" be repealed and two new Sections 17 and 18 be added to said Article, to follow after Section 16, to read as follows:

17. There is hereby created under the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources a Bureau to be known as the "Bureau of Mines", hereinafter referred to as the Bureau.

18. The Commission of Geology, Mines and Water Resources shall appoint in accordance with the Merit System law, a competent person to be known as the Chief Mine Engineer who shall be in charge of the Bureau; but the present incumbent of the position shall continue as the Chief Mine Engineer under the provisions of the Merit System law, until his death, resignation or removal, and exercise and perform the powers and duties prescribed by this sub-title.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Weather Service-State", and Section 2 of Article 96B of said Code, title "Water Resources", be repealed; and that wherever the words "Water Resources Commission" occur in said Article 96B, the words "Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources" shall be substituted.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That a new sub-title and four new Sections be added to Article 19A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), said new sub-title to read "Department of Research and Education" and said new Sections to be known as Sections 12D, 12E, 12F and 12G, to follow after Section 12C, and to read as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

12D. The Department of Research and Education is hereby created to exercise the present functions of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and the Maryland Weather Service, and to develop a comprehensive research and educational program covering all the natural resources of the State. The supervision of the Department shall be vested in a Commission of Research and Education consisting of five members to be appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the State, each of whom shall have had training and experience in scientific investigation and research, especially in the field of natural resources. The members of the Commission shall select their own Chairman.