

Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare", subtitle "Board of Welfare", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. [The "Department of Charities", the "Board of State Aid and Charities" and the office of "Director of Charities" are hereby abolished.]

There is hereby created and established a new State Department, to be known as the "State Department of Public Welfare". All the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred by law upon the Department of Charities are hereby transferred to, and hereafter shall be exercised and performed by the State Department of Public Welfare, as the lawful successor thereto. Wherever in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland the term "Department of Charities" appears, there shall be substituted therefor the term "State Department of Public Welfare"; wherever the term "Board of State Aid and Charities" appears, the term "State Department of Public Welfare" shall be substituted therefor.

The Board of Public Welfare shall appoint a competent person to act as Director of Public Welfare, and as Secretary to the Board of Public Welfare, who shall be paid for his services such compensation as may be provided in the budget. The Director shall be a competent person having adequate training and practical experience in social welfare work; and [in making said appointment, the Board shall be governed by Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland] *he shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Board of Public Welfare.* The Director shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office. [The present Executive Secretary of the Department of Charities shall retain his present status under the merit system, and be reclassified as the first Director of Public Welfare.]

2. The Board of Public Welfare shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman. All members shall hold office for staggered terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 1st of every second year. In case of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the Board shall receive no salary for their services, but their expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid [on certificate of the Director of Public Welfare and upon warrant of the Comptroller]. *The Board*