

ning purposes to him. He may also require an annual audit of their financial operations related to planning by the State Auditor, or by auditors or accountants legally qualified to perform municipal audits. When a local government, instrumentality or planning agency receives financial or other planning assistance from a federal agency, the Director of State Planning may accept such federal agency's audit.

11. *State Planning Department; annual and special reports; distribution*

(a) *The State Planning Department shall submit an annual report to the Governor sixty days before the General Assembly convenes for a regular session. The annual report shall contain summaries of those sections of the state development plan which have been amended, revised, added or deleted during the year which have previously been filed by the Governor in accordance with Section 8, and the nature of all such amendments, revisions, additions and deletions shall be clearly indicated. The annual report shall also contain summaries of important studies partially or entirely completed by the Planning office DEPARTMENT and summaries of the work of the office DEPARTMENT and of the State Planning Commission.*

(b) *The State Planning Department shall also submit special reports upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, or of the Legislative Council, or at the discretion of the Director, on those aspects of the Planning Department's work which may be deemed of current interest. Special reports on major research and planning projects, as distinguished from mere compilations of current data, shall be made available as soon as practicable after completion.*

(c) *The Planning Department shall distribute copies of its annual report to the members of the General Assembly, to the heads of all state departments and all local, regional and metropolitan planning agencies in the state, and upon request, to interested federal agencies. The special reports of the Planning Department shall be distributed in the same manner as the annual report unless the Governor directs otherwise. The Planning Department shall make copies of special and annual reports available for general distribution or sale.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Section 7 of Article 64A of said Code, title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

7. *Comptroller's office; Veterans' Commission; [Planning Commission;] Board of Hairdressers and Beauty Culturists.*

*On and after July 1, 1949, the following positions shall be included in the classified service of the State, and persons holding said positions on July 1, 1949 who shall have held such positions for at least six (6) months prior thereto shall be considered a part of and shall hold their positions in the classified service in accordance with this article and shall be continued in said positions without examination: All employees of the income tax division, the admissions tax division and the alcoholic beverages division of the State Comptroller's office and of the Maryland Veterans' Commission [ , and the Director of the State Planning Commission]; and the principal clerk, the senior stenographer, the typist, and the two clerks of the State Board of Hairdressers and Beauty Culturists.*