

Deputy Commissioner shall exercise all of the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner shall give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty and form as shall be determined by the Commissioner, and he shall receive an annual compensation as provided in the budget.

#### **17. Organization of the Department.**

The Commissioner shall set up within the Department such divisions or sections as he may deem necessary for the appropriate performance of the duties of the Department and the proper exercise of the powers vested therein. Such organization shall proceed along functional lines, and shall have as its purpose efficiency in operation and service to the public.

#### **18. Department Personnel.**

(1) The Commissioner shall appoint or employ an actuary and may appoint other assistants, to perform actuarial duties of the Department, to take charge of or assist in the examination of insurers, and to perform other duties as may be assigned by the Commissioner.

(2) The Commissioner shall appoint or employ a chief examiner and may appoint other assistant examiners to conduct or assist in examinations of insurers and others provided for under this article.

(3) The Commissioner shall appoint an auditor and examiner for the Department, whose duties it shall be to examine and audit the annual statements of all authorized insurers, the books, accounts and affairs of the Department, and such other auditing as the Commissioner may direct.

(4) The Commissioner may appoint additional deputy insurance commissioners for such special purposes as he may designate.

(5) The Commissioner may appoint and employ field investigators whose primary duties shall be, as directed by the Commissioner, to make investigations in this State of violations or claimed violations of this article.

(6) The Commissioner may appoint and employ such other assistants and clerks as may be necessary to assist him in discharging the duties imposed upon him under this article.

(7) The Commissioner may from time to time contract for and procure, on a fee or part time basis, or both, such actuarial, technical or other professional services as he may require for the discharge of his duties.

#### **19. Prohibited Interests.**

The Commissioner or any deputy, examiner, assistant or employee of the Commissioner shall not be financially interested in any insurer, insurance agency, or insurance transaction except as a policyholder or claimant under a policy; except, that as to such matters wherein a conflict of interests does not exist on the part of any such individual, the Commissioner may employ or retain from time to time insurance actuaries, attorneys, or other technicians who are independently practicing their professions even though similarly employed or retained by insurers or others.