

ment), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9C thereof, providing for the merit system status of the Executive Director and certain employees of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, SECTIONS 252(A) AND 252(D) OF ARTICLE 56 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "LICENSES," SUBTITLE "HOME IMPROVEMENT LAW," PROVIDING TENURE IN OFFICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION AND MERIT SYSTEM STATUS FOR THE INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY THE COMMISSION.

That new Section 9D be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9C thereof, and to read as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* THAT SECTIONS 252(A) AND 252(D) OF ARTICLE 56 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TITLE "LICENSES," SUBTITLE "HOME IMPROVEMENT LAW," BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

9D.

*The position of Executive Director and of all investigators of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission are part of the merit system, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article or elsewhere.*

252.

(a) THE COMMISSION SHALL EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE. HE SHALL HOLD OFFICE DURING GOOD BEHAVIOR AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE COMMISSION OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION FOR INCOMPETENCE OR NEGLECT OF DUTY; BUT BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE HE SHALL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND AN OPPORTUNITY OF BEING PUBLICLY HEARD IN PERSON OR BY COUNSEL IN HIS OWN DEFENSE UPON NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS' NOTICE.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) TAKE CHARGE OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION;

(2) HAVE CUSTODY OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS AND THE SEAL; AND

(3) COLLECT, ACCOUNT FOR, AND PAY OVER ALL FEES REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IN SUCH MANNER AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY RULE OR REGULATION OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.