

the county, relating generally to the conduct of public recreation programs and relating generally to the conduct of public recreation in the county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 62-1 through 62-8, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Recreation Board," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 62-1 through 62-12, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed and to be under the new subtitle "Recreation Department," and all to read as follows:*

**62. ~~Department of Recreation~~ RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

1. *The County Commissioners of Prince Georges' County are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish a ~~Department of Recreation~~ RECREATION DEPARTMENT (hereinafter referred to as the Department) which shall be an agency of the County government to perform the duties specified in this subtitle.*

2. *The power of the Department shall be vested in the County Commissioners and shall be responsible for providing an adequate and balanced recreation program to serve the varied needs and interests of the several age groups among the residents of the County.*

3. *The Department shall have the power to initiate, adopt, conduct, direct, or cause to be conducted or directed under its supervision a comprehensive program of public recreation which shall include the operation and direction of games, sports, art and crafts, hobby shops, music, drama, dancing, nursery play, and such other physical, social, mental and creative opportunities for leisure-time participation as the Department shall deem advisable to offer in major recreation centers, playfields, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, swimming pools, golf courses, community centers and social centers in publicly or privately owned lands and buildings or other facilities made available to the Department for such purposes, or over which the Department has sole or joint jurisdiction; or on or in any land or buildings or other facilities of any municipality or political subdivision within the County if it is requested of the Board by said municipality or political subdivision.*

4. *The County Commissioners shall appoint and fix the salary and terms of employment of a Director of Recreation who, in accordance with the policy of the Board of County Commissioners, shall be responsible for the general organization, administration, and supervision of the program of public recreation contemplated and provided for by this subtitle. The Director of Recreation shall be a person of such training, experience, and capacity as will especially qualify him to discharge the duties of his office. He shall possess those qualifications of education, training, and experience in recreation work, as well as executive and administrative experience, which will assure a thorough knowledge of current theory and practice in public recreation work and give promise of the administrative ability necessary to administer a program of public recreation.*