

provide that the following departments, agencies, commissions, boards and councils be transferred to and included in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: the State Department of Health, the State Department of Mental Hygiene, the local health departments of the counties and Baltimore City, the Department of Postmortem Examiners, the State Department of Juvenile Services, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, the Commission on Physical Fitness, the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Maryland, the Commission on Medical Discipline of Maryland, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Anatomy Board of Maryland, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Examiners of Nurses, the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers of Maryland, the Board of Examiners of Optometry for the State of Maryland, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners for the State of Maryland, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Advisory Board on Hospital Licensing, the Advisory Council on Hospital Construction, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Radiation Control Advisory Board, the Air Pollution Control Council, the Air Quality Control Advisory Council, and relating generally to the laws of Maryland dealing with the health and mental hygiene of citizens of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 206 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Health," be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety and that new Sections 206, 206A, 206B, and 206C are hereby enacted, to be under the same title, but under the new subtitle "The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene," all to read as follows:*

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206. Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene head of Department.

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of Maryland is hereby created as a principal department of the State government. The head of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. He shall be directly responsible to the Governor and shall counsel and advise him on all matters assigned to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies in the areas of health and mental hygiene. The Secretary shall receive such salary and have such assistants, employees and professional consultants as provided in the State Budget. The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is hereby abolished.

(c) The Secretary shall be responsible for the operation of his office and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and may reorganize or abolish the