

same as necessary to effectively fulfill the duties assigned to him. He shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall have such duties as are provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State budget.

*(d) The Secretary shall also appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a General Counsel who shall be a member of the Maryland Bar and who shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State budget. The General Counsel shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary, and shall render legal advice and assistance to the Secretary and to the Departments, Agencies, Commissions, Boards and Councils included within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The General Counsel may not represent the Secretary or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or any of the component agencies thereof in litigation except as otherwise provided by law or authorized by the Attorney General. The General Counsel may, with the approval of the Secretary, employ such Assistants as are provided in the State Budget. All such assistants must be members of the Maryland Bar. No other department or agency within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may employ legal counsel except as authorized by law and approved by the Secretary.*

(D) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE SHALL ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT SUCH NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AS ARE NOW AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, OR UNITS WHICH ARE HEREIN, OR MAY HEREAFTER BY LAW BE DEEMED TO BE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; AND HE SHALL ALSO ASSIGN TO THE DEPARTMENT SUCH ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR SUCH DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE SAID ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. THE COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE NO DUTY OTHER THAN TO RENDER, SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION AND CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SUCH LEGAL AID, ADVICE AND COUNSEL AS THE SECRETARY AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS OF SAID DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE, AND THE SUPERVISION OF THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DESIGNATED AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SERVE AS COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, HE SHALL NOT REASSIGN SAID COUNSEL WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE. THE COUNSEL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND THE OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL SO EMPLOYED, SHALL EACH PERFORM SUCH LEGAL DUTIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, ASSIGN TO THEM; AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ASSIGN TO THEM,