

Replacement Volume), title "Budget and Procurement," subtitle "Department of Budget and Procurement"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 17, 18, 19, 21, 21A, 22, 23, 23B, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1968 Replacement Volume), title "Budget and Procurement," subtitle "Budget Bureau," to provide for the creation in the Executive Branch of Government, a new department to be known as the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning which department is to be headed by a Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, and to provide for the duties and responsibilities of said Secretary as well as the personnel of said department and the duties of said personnel, and to provide that the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning be responsible to advise and counsel the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department, and to provide that the Secretary be responsible for the operation of the Department and directed to establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof; and to provide for the abolishment of the present Department of Budget and Procurement and the Office of Director of Budget and Procurement, and to transfer all rights, duties, obligations and functions presently conferred upon or exercised by the Department of Budget and Procurement and the Director of Budget and Procurement to the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning; and to outline the additional duties assigned to the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning which duties are to be in addition to those duties being assigned and transferred from the existing Department of Budget and Procurement and Director of the Office of Budget and Procurement to the new Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the Secretary of said Department; and relating generally to the laws of the State of Maryland dealing with the budgetary process and fiscal planning of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 71 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Budget and Procurement," be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety and that new Section 71 is hereby enacted, to be under the same title but under the new subtitle "The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning," to read as follows:

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING

71.

(a) *The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning of Maryland is hereby created as a principal department of the State Government. The head of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall be the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

(b) *The Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning 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 Budget and Fiscal Planning. The Secretary shall be experienced in matters of public finance, budgeting,*