

create an Advisory Board for said Department, and to provide for the abolishment of the State Board of Natural Resources and transfer of all rights, powers and functions conferred upon said Board of Natural Resources to the Secretary of Natural Resources, and to delete certain provisions relating to the duties of the Attorney General relating to representation of the Board of Natural Resources, and to provide for inclusion in said Department of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, Commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs, Maryland Geological Survey, MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY COMMISSION, Department of Game and Inland Fish, Game and Inland Fish Commission, Department of Forests and Parks, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION, Commission of Forests and Parks, Bureau of Mines, Maryland Commission of Mining Laws, Land Reclamation Advisory Committee, AND OF OTHER AGENCIES, MAKING GENERAL PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOR CERTAIN TRANSITIONAL MATTERS, and to provide that the Secretary be directed to make efforts with other states to preserve the resources of the Chesapeake Bay, PROVIDING A CERTAIN CONTINGENCY CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF SECTION 660 OF ARTICLE 66C, and relating generally to the Natural Resources of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238 and 239 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," be and they are hereby enacted, to be under the same title, but under the new subtitle "The Department of Natural Resources," all to read as follows:

*The Department of Natural Resources*

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(a) *The Department of Natural Resources of Maryland is hereby created as a principal department of the State government. The head of the Department of Natural Resources shall be the Secretary of Natural Resources, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AND WHOSE REPUTATION AND EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES DEMONSTRATE HIS INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES.*

(b) *The Secretary of Natural Resources 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 Natural Resources. The Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies in the areas of natural resources research and development, management, and administration. The Secretary shall receive such salary and have such assistants, employees and professional consultants as provided in the State Budget.*

(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*