

*plan, proposal, project, or program*, PROVIDED THAT ANY ACTION APPROVING, DISAPPROVING, OR MODIFYING PLANS, PROPOSALS, PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.

(b) *The Secretary shall be responsible for the budget of his office and for the budgets of the departments and other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources.*

(c) *Heads of departments and administrative agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources may be removed by the Governor, without the necessity of a hearing, and upon recommendation of the Secretary, for failure to comply with lawful WRITTEN directives of the Secretary of Natural Resources or for willful or repeated disregard of policies enunciated by the Secretary. In addition to removal by the Governor, the heads of such departments or agencies may be removed as provided in Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The appointment or removal of other personnel by any department or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary; however the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads of the departments or other agencies within the Department of Natural Resources.*

(d) *The Secretary shall have the right and authority to transfer any function or activity common to two or more of the departments and agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, together with the staff, funds and equipment associated with that function, to the Office of the Secretary. Such staff as may be transferred to the Office of the Secretary may be moved by order of the Secretary to another location as may be deemed necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Office of Secretary of Natural Resources. The Secretary may transfer from any department or agency within his jurisdiction to any other department or agency within his jurisdiction any function or activity, together with the staff, GENERAL Funds, and equipment associated therewith, for the purpose of increasing the efficiency and economy of natural resources administration in the State.*

235.

(a) *All departments, commissions, boards, committees and other agencies of the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Secretary of Natural Resources as provided in regulations promulgated by the Secretary.*

(b) *The Secretary of Natural Resources shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office and shall review and have revisory power over the rules and regulations of all of the departments and other agencies within the Department of Natural Resources, PROVIDED THAT NO RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OR BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL BE INCONSISTENT WITH LAW.*

(c) *The Office of Secretary of Natural Resources shall have a seal for purposes of authentication of copies of records or papers in his office.*