

and also all other boards, commissions, departments, officers or institutions of the State government, except as provided in Section 12 of this article, or as otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 2, 3, 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 4(f) and 4(g) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Board of Natural Resources," be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 1, 4(a) and 5 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Board of Natural Resources," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to be under the same title but under the new subtitle "Department of Natural Resources," all to read as follows:

1.

It is the intention of the General Assembly in [the enactment of this subtitle] *providing for a Department of Natural Resources*, to establish a State agency which shall, *in addition to its other functions*, review and evaluate all natural resources policies, plans, programs and practices of State, county, regional and federal agencies and institutions; which shall coordinate all natural resources activities within the State; which shall be a center for collecting and organizing information on the natural resources for the guidance of the Governor and the General Assembly; and which shall otherwise unify [and], coordinate and promulgate policies, plans, programs and practices which will insure the preservation, development, wise use and enjoyment of all the natural resources for greatest benefits to the State and its citizens.

4.

[(a)] The [chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board, shall serve as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council as provided in Article 41 of this Code, and] *Secretary of Natural Resources, in addition to his other duties and functions*, shall represent the [Board] *Department of Natural Resources* at hearings or meetings of the Congress of the United States and the General Assembly of Maryland, State and interstate conferences and at local meetings or hearings pertaining to any matter of concern to the [Board] *Department*. [The chairman may, from time to time, appoint an alternate from either the Board or its employees to represent the Board at such hearings and meetings. The chairman shall sign all leases, contracts or other legal agreements or documents in which the Board is involved except for purchase orders and other transactions authorized by the annual budget.]

[The Board shall elect annually from the appointed members a vice-chairman who shall in the absence of the chairman carry out the duties of the office of the chairman.]

5.

(a) The [Board] *Secretary of Natural Resources, in addition to his other powers, duties and functions as provided by law*, shall be