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The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources as it existed on June 1, 1964, is continued, to be known hereafter as the Maryland Geological Survey and to [have the rank of a department as heretofore] ~~be an agency~~ A DEPARTMENT *within the Department of Natural Resources*. The [Department] *Maryland Geological Survey* shall be under the direction of a *Director as provided for in Section 17 of this Article*. *There shall also be in the Maryland Geological Survey a Commission which shall consist of five members appointed by the [Governor] Secretary of Natural Resources from among the citizens of the State with character, ability and active interest in the proper development, use and conservation of such resources. The members shall select their own chairman. Their term of office shall be for five years. The [Governor] Secretary of Natural Resources may remove any member for cause, and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses and disbursements for attending meetings and performing other official duties.*

16.

(a) *The Commission of the Maryland Geological Survey shall act in an advisory capacity to the Director with respect to all matters within the jurisdiction of or pertaining to the Maryland Geological Survey.*

(b) *The [Commission] Director of the Maryland Geological Survey shall exercise all the powers and duties conferred upon the Maryland Geological Survey by law subject to the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources, and specifically the Director shall exercise general supervision over all matters pertaining to:*

(1) *The conduct of topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and geophysical surveys.*

(2) *The preparation of topographic, geologic and other types of maps to meet specific needs.*

(3) *The preparation of reports on the extent and character of the State's geology, mineral and water resources.*

(4) *The Bureau of Mines as set forth in Sections 487 through 674, inclusive, of this article.*

(5) *The Division of Archeology as set forth in Sections 110B through 110K, inclusive, of this article.*

(6) *The examination of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen and fire bosses.*

(7) *The investigation and recommendation of plans and policies for the protection of the waterfront of the State against erosion and deposition, and the cooperation necessary for carrying into effect plans for the development of the waterfront property of the State.*

17.

The [administrative] head of the [Department] *Maryland Geological Survey* is the Director who shall be appointed by the [Com-