

(d) The Director is in sole and active charge of the Department, subject only to his responsibility ~~to the Governor and to the Secretary of Natural Resources.~~ *From and after July 1, 1969, all powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the Commission of Forests and Parks under Sections 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 396, 397, 399, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, and 408 of this Article shall be transferred to and exercised by the Director, and whenever the word "Commission" appears in those Sections it shall be deemed to mean "Director."* *However, all licenses issued by the Commission pursuant to any of the foregoing Sections shall continue in effect unless and until they are revoked or suspended or they expire as provided by law. All rules, regulations, directives, forms, orders and determinations of the Commission pursuant to such foregoing Sections of this Article shall remain in effect until changed by the Director in the manner provided by law, and violations of the Commission's rules or regulations remaining in effect shall continue to be subject to the penalties provided by law.*

344A.

The Director of the Department in accordance with the provisions of the State merit system in Article 64A of this Code shall appoint, *subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources*, the State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks. The State Forester shall have special training and experience in forestry and shall be a graduate of an accredited school of forestry. He shall have charge of all forests in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The Superintendent of State Parks shall have special training and experience in parks and recreation. He shall have charge of all park, recreational and natural areas in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks shall receive such salaries as shall be provided in the annual State Budget.

346.

(a) The Director shall upon request **[**, under the supervision of the Commission of Forests and Parks, **]** assist other State agencies, counties, towns, corporations and individuals in preparing plans for park, recreation and natural area acquisition and development, the acquisition of multiple use areas including protection of watersheds, management and replacement of trees, woodlots, and timber tracts under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed in preparing said plans.

The Department of Forests and Parks is hereby authorized to accept for the State of Maryland any federal funds or appropriations of money for any park, recreation or natural area planning, acquisition or development purposes which may be hereafter made out of the federal treasury by any act or acts of Congress.

347.

(a) Whenever the **[**Director**]** *Secretary of Natural Resources* considers it necessary, *based upon the recommendation of the Director*, he may apply to the Governor to commission such persons as he may designate to act as forest or park wardens for a term of