

resolutions, regulations, or directives, they shall be deemed to mean the Department of State Planning and the Secretary of State Planning, respectively unless, however, such construction would be unreasonable. From and after July 1, 1969, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the State Planning Department and the Director of State Planning shall be transferred to and be exercised and performed by the Secretary of State Planning, unless otherwise provided by law. All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the State Planning Department as of June 30, 1969, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the Secretary of State Planning.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 3, 4 and 7 of Article 88C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Planning," be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 9A, 10 and 11 of Article 88C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Planning," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and re-numbered, all to read as follows:*

1.

There shall be a **[State Planning Department]** *Department of State Planning* responsible to the Governor, headed by the **[Director]** *Secretary of State Planning, as provided for in Section 226 of Article 41 of this Code.* It shall be the purpose of the **[State Planning Department]** *Department of State Planning* to function as the Governor's staff agency in planning matters, and to prepare, recommend and keep up to date a balanced, integrated program for the development and effective employment of the natural and other resources of the State, in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens. In the execution of its purposes, the **[State Planning Department]** *Department of State Planning* shall function as an advisory, consultative and coordinating agency, (1) harmonizing its planning activities with the planning activities of departments, agencies or instrumentalities of State or local government; (2) rendering necessary planning assistance; (3) stimulating public interest and participation in the development of the State; (4) *coordinating the plans and programs of all State departments, agencies and instrumentalities;* and (5) *coordinating the State programs with the Federal Government.* Nothing contained in this article shall operate in derogation of planning powers conferred upon departments, agencies or instrumentalities of State or local government by any existing State or local law.

2.

(a) The **[State Planning Department]** *Department of State Planning* shall:

(b) Prepare, and from time to time revise, amend, extend or add to, a plan or plans for the development of the State, which plan or plans collectively shall be known as the State development plan. Such