

obligations and functions as herein provided. *No provision of this article shall be deemed as repealed by any act hereafter passed unless said provision is expressly referred to and repealed in terms or some other clear evidence is given to the intent on the part of the General Assembly to change the policy of the State herein declared.*

2.

*The executive and administrative departments, boards, commissions and other units of the executive branch of the State Government hereinafter created or recognized and continued shall be organized into not more than twenty principal departments, AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. Each principal department shall embrace a broad functional area of the executive branch of the State Government. Such areas shall include, but ARE not be limited to: Budget and Fiscal Planning, State Planning, General Services and Personnel, Natural Resources, Health and Mental Hygiene, Public Safety and Correctional Services, Transportation, Licensing and Regulation, Social and Employment Services, and Economic and Community Development.*  
**BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING, STATE PLANNING, GENERAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL, NATURAL RESOURCES, HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION, SOCIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

3.

*All executive and administrative Departments, offices, boards [or other governmental agencies] and other units of the State Government now existing or created during this or any subsequent session of the General Assembly which do not constitute one of the principal departments [are] may be placed at the discretion of the Governor in [the] one of the principal departments at the time of the establishment of the appropriate principal department. Each of the principal departments shall be constituted and shall have and exercise the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions [hereinafter] provided by law. Any officers, agencies, boards, or commissions [not referred to] specifically exempted in this article shall not be affected hereby.*

**THE EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, BOARDS AND OTHER UNITS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT NOW EXISTING OR CREATED DURING THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH DO NOT CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS MAY BE PLACED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE GOVERNOR IN ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS AT THE TIME OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APPROPRIATE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT. EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS SHALL BE CONSTITUTED AND SHALL HAVE AND EXERCISE THE RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND FUNCTIONS PROVIDED BY LAW. ANY OFFICERS, AGENCIES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED IN THIS OR ANY OTHER ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED HEREBY.**