tion, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first Secretary of Transportation shall be appointed as of April 1, 1971.

- (b) The Secretary of Transportation shall receive such salary as provided in the State Budget. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be directly responsible to the Governor. The Secretary shall counsel and advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department of Transportation and shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies with respect to such matters.
- (c) On or after April 1, 1971, the Secretary of Transportation shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall have such duties as are delegated by the Secretary, and who shall be the acting Secretary during periods when the Secretary may be absent from the State or otherwise unavailable.
- (d) The Secretary of Transportation shall be responsible for the operation of his office and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and designate staff assistants to be in charge of such areas, and he may reorganize or abolish such areas of responsibility as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to him.
- (e) The Secretary of Transportation shall have attached to his office such staff assistants, professional consultants and employees as are provided for in the State Budget. Staff assistants in charge of areas of responsibility and professional consultants shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. All other employees of the Secretary's office, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (F) EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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The following Boards, Commissions, Administrations and Agencies shall be included within the Department of Transportation: The State Aviation Administration established pursuant to Section 207B of this Article, the Maryland Port Administration established pursuant to Section 207C of this Article, the Maryland Airport Zoning Board established pursuant to Section 21(a) of Article 62C of this Code, the Airport Zoning Commission established pursuant to Section 21(f) of Article 62C of this Code, the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals established pursuant to Section 21(j) of Article 62C of this Code, the State Public Transit Administration established pursuant to Section 207D of this Article, the State Motor Vehicle Administration established pursuant to Section 207E of this Article, the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 207F OF THIS ARTICLE, the State Roads Commission,