

APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, AND SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL RECEIVE SUCH SALARY AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION. THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS VESTED BY LAW IN THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EXCEPT FOR THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS VESTED BY LAW IN THE REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION.

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(a) *The Secretary of Transportation shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Transportation, and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof.*

(b) *The Secretary of Transportation shall be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office. He shall review and shall have the power to approve, disapprove or revise the rules and regulations of all of the administrations, boards, commissions, offices and other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, except as provided in Section 208C of this Article.*

(c) *In addition to the Maryland Transportation Commission established pursuant to Section 208D of ~~the~~ THIS Article, the Secretary of Transportation may, in his discretion, create such advisory boards of such size as he deems appropriate.*

(d) *The Secretary of Transportation may assign and reassign functions, staff, funds, responsibilities, duties and powers from any one Administration, Commission or Agency within the Department of Transportation to any other Administration, Commission or Agency within the Department, or from any Administration, Commission or Agency within the Department to his own office. WHENEVER AN ASSIGNMENT OR REASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS, STAFF, RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS OCCURS, THE APPROPRIATION FOR SUCH FUNCTIONS, STAFF, RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS SHALL ALSO BE TRANSFERRED. However, this subsection shall not apply to the functions and powers of the State Roads Commission set forth in Article III, Section 40B, of the Maryland Constitution, and it shall not apply to the functions, responsibilities, duties and powers of the Maryland Airport Zoning Board, the Airport Zoning Commission, the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals, the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board, the Board of Review of the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority.*

(e) *The appointment or removal of personnel by any administration, commission, board or other agency within the Department of Transportation shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation; however the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads of the administrations, commissions, boards or other agencies within the Department of Transportation.*