

*The head of the Department of Economic and Community Development shall be the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

*(b) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall receive such salary as provided in the State Budget. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be directly responsible to the Governor and shall counsel and advise him on all matters assigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development, and he shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies with respect to such matters.*

*(c) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Economic and Community Development, and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration thereof. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and may reorganize or abolish the same as necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to him.*

#### **257B.**

*(a) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall have duties as are provided by law or delegated by the Secretary. The Deputy Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State Budget.*

*(b) The Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall also have attached to his office such assistants, professional consultants and employees as are provided for in the State Budget. He may establish areas of responsibility within his office and designate assistants to be in charge of such areas. All staff assistant in the Secretary's office in charge of particular areas of responsibility, and all 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.*

*(c) The appointment or removal of personnel by an administration, board, commission, division, or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department of Economic and Community Development shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary; however the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads or governing bodies of the boards, commissions, divisions or other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Economic and Community Development.*

#### **257C.**

*The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser to the Department of Economic and Community Development. He shall assign to the Department such number of Assistant Attorneys General as are now authorized by law to be assigned to the various departments, agencies, boards, commissions, councils, or units which are, or may hereafter by law be deemed to be, part of the Department of Eco-*