

TO SET FORTH THE RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS CONCERNING THE PURCHASING, FISCAL AND BUDGET PROCEDURES OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES; and to provide for transfer of functions, duties and obligations formerly conferred upon the ~~Board of Public Works~~ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS to the Department of General Services; and to provide for a revision of the duties of the Office of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds which was formerly known as the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds; and to provide for the establishment of the Office of Baltimore Buildings and Grounds as part of the Department of General Services; and to provide that the Hall of Records Commission become a part of the Department of General Services; and to provide that the War Memorial Commission become a part of the Department of General Services; and to provide that the Trustees of the Washington Cemetery Board of Trustees become a part of the Department of General Services; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON ARTISTIC PROPERTY BECOME PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES; and relating generally to the laws of Maryland involving those boards, commissions, bureaus, offices and agencies to be included in the Department of General Services.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 231 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Department of Public Improvements," be and it is hereby repealed in its entirety and that new Sections 231, 231A, 231B, 231C, 231D, 231E, 231F, 231G, 231H, 231-I, 231J, 231K and 231L ~~are hereby enacted, to be under the same title but under the new~~ BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY ENACTED IN LIEU THEREOF, TO STAND IN THE PLACE OF THE SECTION REPEALED, AND TO BE UNDER THE NEW subtitle "The Department of General Services," all to read as follows:

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

231.

(a). *The Department of General Services is hereby created as a principal department of the State Government. The head of the Department of General Services shall be the Secretary of General Services, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

(b). *The Secretary of General Services 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. He shall counsel and advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the Department of General Services, and he shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies with respect to such matters.*

(c). *The Secretary of General Services shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of General Services, and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and*