

istrative Departments," subtitle "Ocean City Convention Hall Commission" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) A State Commission to be known as "The Ocean City Convention Hall Commission" is created *as part of the Department of Economic and Community Development*, with members, duties, powers and functions provided in this section.

(b) The Commission shall have five members to be appointed by the *Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor*, for terms of five years [ , but for the first five years their terms shall be so arranged that the term of only one member shall expire in any year. At the expiration of their first appointed terms, they, or their successors, shall be appointed for terms of five years each ]. The *Secretary of Economic and Community Development, with the approval of the Governor*, shall name one member as chairman and the Commission shall elect a vice-chairman at its first organizational meeting. At least two of the members shall be either residents or owners of real property within the corporate limits of Ocean City. The presence of three members at any meeting shall be a quorum.

(d) The Commission shall acquire at no cost to the State or the Commission necessary land from the mayor and council of Ocean City and arrange for having a suitable structure erected thereon for housing religious, business and professional conventions, cultural conferences, industrial exhibits, trade shows, such other events that might further stimulate the tourist trade and the economy of the State of Maryland. The structure shall be known as "Ocean City Convention Hall." After completion of the structure, the Commission, *subject to approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development*, shall establish policy and adopt rules and regulations as necessary to assure successful operation thereof.

(f) The Commission in addition to the powers which are normally possessed by a commission of this type shall, *subject to approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development*, have the following express powers:

(1) To accept from the mayor and council of Ocean City an appropriate site for the structure and adjacent parking facilities, said site to be approved by the Director of the State Planning Department.

(2) To negotiate and contract for necessary planning, architectural and engineering services.

(3) To negotiate and contract for construction of the building and necessary equipment therefor; provided, however, that the location and building plans shall first be approved by the [ Planning Director of the State ] *Secretary of State Planning* of Maryland and the mayor and city council of Ocean City.

(4) To employ a manager or executive director, a secretary and such other necessary personnel, whose salaries shall be as set by the Commission, **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**