SATION," SUBTITLE "STATE ACCIDENT FUND"; to create in the Executive branch of Maryland Government a Department of Personnel to be headed by the Secretary of Personnel, and to provide for the duties and responsibilities of said Secretary as well as the staffing of said Department, to require that the Secretary be responsible for all matters relating to State employees as well as the responsibility for budgeting of his office and all departments and agencies within his Department, and to provide that the Secretary be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for his office as well as the departments and agencies within his Department, and to permit the Secretary to create an Advisory Board for the Department, and to provide that the following Departments, Agencies, Commissions, Boards and Councils be transferred to and included in the Department of Personnel: the Secretary of Personnel, the Board of Ethics, the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, and the Board of Trustees of the State Police Retirement System of the State of Maryland AND THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; and to abolish the Office of the Commissioner of Personnel and transfer his duties to the Secretary of Personnel, and to abolish the State Employees' Standard Salary Board and the State Incentive Awards Board; and relating generally to the laws of Maryland dealing with State employees, personnel and employee relations AND THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219 and 220 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of State Employment and Registration," be and they are hereby repealed in their entirety and that new sections 213, 214, 215, 216, 217 and 218 are hereby enacted, to be under the same title but BE AND THEY ARE HEREBY ENACTED IN LIEU THEREOF, TO STAND IN THE PLACE OF THE SECTIONS REPEALED, AND TO BE under the new subtitle "The Department of Personnel," all to read as follows:

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

213.

- (a) The Department of Personnel is hereby created as a principal department of the State Government. The head of the Department of Personnel shall be the Secretary of Personnel, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- (b) The Secretary of Personnel 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 relating to State employees. The Secretary shall be experienced in matters of personnel and employee relations, and he shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies in these areas.
- (c) The Secretary of Personnel shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Personnel, and shall establish guide-