

*delegated by the Secretary. The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall from time to time by written directive designate which of the Deputy Secretaries shall be the Acting Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services during periods when the Secretary may be absent from the State or otherwise unavailable; and in the event that both the Secretary and one of the Deputy Secretaries are at the same time absent from the State or otherwise unavailable, then the other Deputy Secretary shall be the Acting Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services during such period.*

*(b) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services 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 assistants 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 any board, commission, division, or other agency within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary; however the Secretary is authorized to delegate this power of approval to the heads of governing bodies of the boards, commissions, divisions or other agencies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.*

*(d) The Attorney General shall be the legal advisor to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. 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 herein, or may hereafter by law be deemed to be part of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and he shall also assign to the Department such additional number of Assistant Attorneys General as may hereafter be authorized by law for such Department. One of the said Assistant Attorneys General shall be designated by the Attorney General as Counsel to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Counsel to the Department shall have no duty other than to render, subject to the discretion and control of the Attorney General, such legal aid, advice and counsel as the Secretary and the other officials of said Department may require, and the supervision of the other Assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Department. After the Attorney General has designated an Assistant Attorney General to serve as Counsel to the Department, he shall not reassign said Counsel without consultation with the Secretary. The Counsel to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the other Assistant Attorneys General so employed, shall each perform such legal duties for the Department as the Attorney General may from time to time assign to them; and the Attorney General is hereby authorized to assign to them, and each of them, the performance subject to his discretion and control of any of the duties with respect to said*