

**THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

205.

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

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

*(c) The Secretary of Employment and Social Services shall be responsible for the operation of the Department of Employment and Social Services, 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.*

205A.

*The following Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils, Departments, Divisions and Offices of the State government shall be included within the Department of Employment and Social Services: the Employment Security Administration established pursuant to Section 205F of this Article, the Board of Appeals of such Employment Security Administration, the Social Services Administration established pursuant to Section 205F of this Article, the State Board of Social Services, the Advisory Council on Child Welfare, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the State Coordinating Commission on Problems of the Aging, ~~the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration established pursuant to Section 205F of this Article, the Injured Workers' Rehabilitation Committee,~~ the Maryland Veterans Commission, and such other agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils or units of government as may hereafter pursuant to law be declared to be part of the Department of Employment and Social Services.*

205B.

*(a) The Secretary of Employment and Social Services shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, a Deputy Secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and who shall receive such compensation as is provided in the State Budget. The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Employment and Social Services shall have such duties as are delegated by the Secretary and shall be the acting Secretary during periods when the Secretary may be absent from the State or otherwise unavailable.*