

Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Comprehensive Drug Abuse Control and Rehabilitation Act," and that Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the same Article be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

1A.

(a) *The Drug Abuse Administration is hereby established as a part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The head and chief executive officer of the Drug Abuse Administration shall be the Director of the Drug Abuse Administration. There shall also be a Deputy Director of the Drug Abuse Administration who shall assist the Director in the performance of the Director's duties. The Director and Deputy Director shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. However, the Secretary may not remove the Director or Deputy Director without obtaining the prior approval of the Governor. The Director and Deputy Director shall receive such salaries as are provided in the State budget. The Director shall report directly to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary, be responsible for carrying out the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions vested in the Drug Abuse Administration.*

(b) *The Drug Abuse Authority, and the office of Director of the Drug Abuse Authority, are hereby abolished. From and after May 1, 1971, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Drug Abuse Authority and the office of Director of the Drug Abuse Authority, shall be transferred to and shall, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, be exercised by the Drug Abuse Administration.*

(c) *All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Drug Abuse Authority as of April 30, 1971, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the Director of the Drug Abuse Administration or the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.*

(d) *All references in this Code, other laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, directives, appropriations, legal actions, contracts or other documents to the Drug Abuse Authority shall be deemed to mean the Drug Abuse Administration.*

(e) *All persons who are as of April 30, 1971, officers and employees of the Drug Abuse Authority, but not including the members of the Drug Abuse Authority or the Director of the Drug Abuse Authority, are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of April 30, 1971, as officers and employees of the Drug Abuse Administration, until they retire, resign, or are removed as provided by law.*

2. Definitions.

As used in this article—

(a) "The Authority" or "the Administration" means the Drug Abuse [Authority] Administration established by Section 1A of this Article.