

recreation, or in both forestry and parks and recreation. In filling the position of Director, the Governor shall receive and consider all applications from any persons including present employees of the Department who are able to meet the requirements set out herein for the position of Director.

(c) Before assuming the duties of his office, the Director is required to take the constitutional oath of office.

(d) The Director is in sole and active charge of the Department, subject only to his responsibility to the Secretary of Natural Resources. From and after July 1, 1969, all powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the Commission of Forests and Parks under Sections 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 396, 397, 399, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, and 408 of this article shall be transferred to and exercised by the Director and whenever the word "Commission" appears in those sections it shall be deemed to mean "Director." However all licenses issued by the Commission pursuant to any of the foregoing sections shall continue in effect unless and until they are revoked or suspended or they expire as provided by law. All rules, regulations, directives, forms, orders and determinations of the Commission pursuant to such foregoing sections of this article shall remain in effect until changed by the Director in the manner provided by law, and violations of the Commission's rules or regulations remaining in effect shall continue to be subject to the penalties provided by law.】

344A.

The 【Director of the Department in accordance with the provisions of the State merit system in Article 64A of this Code】 Secretary shall appoint 【, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources,】 the State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks. 【The State Forester shall have special training and experience in forestry and shall be a graduate of an accredited school of forestry. He shall have charge of all forests in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The Superintendent of State Parks shall have special training and experience in parks and recreation. He shall have charge of all park, recreational and natural areas in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks shall receive such salaries as shall be provided in the annual State budget.】

346.

【(b) The provisions herein contained do not confer upon the Department of Forests and Parks authority of any kind or degree as respects the administration of lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Inland Fish or lands that may be acquired in the future by the said Department.】

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 4 and 5 of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "General Provisions," be and are hereby repealed, and that Section 3 of the same Article 96A, title "Water Resources," subtitle "General Provisions," be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Section 1 (b)