Inland Fish shall be and remain as employees of the Department under the merit system and no employee shall have his or her status under the merit system altered or changed.

- (b) The Director shall have charge of, direct, supervise, and control all employees of the Department. He shall exercise all powers and duties conferred by law upon the Department.
- (c) The Director shall have authority to have printed the annual report of the Department, and such bulletins, literature, posters, licenses and other printing as may be necessary to the work of the Department and Commission.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the Director and wildlife officers to prosecute all persons and corporations having in their possession any game or inland fish contrary to the laws of this State. It shall be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced, and that the provisions of Sections 21, 154, and 579 of Article 27 of this Code, as amended from time to time, be enforced.

129.

(a) The clerks of the circuit courts of the counties and the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City shall on the first day of July and on the first day of each and every month thereafter, transmit to the Department [of Game and Inland Fish of this State] all moneys received by them for licenses issued under the provisions of this subtitle, and said moneys shall be accounted for by the said Department to the Treasurer. The amounts so received by the Treasurer shall be placed to the credit of a separate fund to be known as "the State Game Protection Fund," and shall be paid by the Treasurer on warrant of the Comptroller upon requisition of the Department [of Game and Inland Fish]. The moneys in said fund shall be used solely for Isalaries and the expenses of the Department of Game and Inland Fish and Commission, the Director and his subordinates, and for scientific investigation and the protection and [propagation] management of birds, wild fowl, inland fish, and game. The Game and Inland Fish Commission shall require the Director to file an annual account with it showing the entire receipts and disbursements of himself and all wildlife officers and exhibit vouchers therefor and also shall require the Director to be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of Sections 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

343.

Forests, streams, valleys, wetlands, parks, scenic, historic and recreation areas of the State of Maryland are basic assets. Their proper use, development and preservation are necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, economic and general welfare of the people of the State. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to encourage the economic development and use of its natural resources for the improvement of local economy, presevation of the natural beauty and promotion of the recreational and leisure interest throughout the State.

The Department of Forests and Parks is hereby created, as a part of the Department of Natural Resources , to shall promote,