

responsibility within the Department of Economic and Community Development for the promotion of tourism in Maryland, to create the Division of Tourist Development within that Department, replacing the Division of Tourism, and to provide for the position of the Director of the Division of Tourist Development, and relating generally to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 257E(h) and 260 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "25. The Department of Economic and Community Development," subheadings "In General" and "Division of Economic Development," respectively, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

257E.

(h) The exercise or performance of all powers, authority, duties and functions vested in the Division of Economic Development, Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority, the Community Development Administration, and the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development may be exercised or performed at any time by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development as set forth in Article 41 of this Code, or elsewhere in the laws of this State. The Secretary shall create a Division of [[Tourism]] TOURIST DEVELOPMENT within the Department of Economic and Community Development to stimulate [the interest of] development of the tourist business in Maryland. THE DIVISION OF [[TOURISM]] TOURIST DEVELOPMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGE TOURIST BUSINESS IN THE STATE, MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE STATE'S HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND PROGRESS, AND GENERALLY ADVERTISE THE STATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THEREON. THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT. THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE, BUT ONCE APPOINTED HE SHALL HOLD OFFICE AT THE SECRETARY'S PLEASURE. HE MAY BE REMOVED BY THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR. ANY SUCH REMOVAL BY THE SECRETARY SHALL BE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO ANY APPEAL. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT SHALL OPERATE THE DIVISION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT SHALL RECEIVE SUCH SALARY AND HAVE SUCH DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

260.

It shall be the duty of the Director and the Commission to:

(1) Investigate and assemble information pertinent to the economic development, industrial opportunities and economic resources of the State, including raw materials, power and water resources, transportation facilities,