

According to the Department, when the present Code singularly refers to "state", it has been interpreted to include any territory, possession, or the District of Columbia. The definition is entitled "any state" to distinguish it from references to "the State," meaning the State of Maryland. The reference to Puerto Rico is added because it is not a U. S. territory, but is a commonwealth voluntarily associated with the United States.

TITLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

SUBTITLE 1. ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT — IN GENERAL.

SEC. 2-101. DEPARTMENT CREATED AND CONTINUED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS CREATED AND CONTINUED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the first sentence of Art. 41, §430(a) of the Code. It is set forth as a separate section for emphasis.

SEC. 2-102. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

(A) HEAD OF DEPARTMENT; APPOINTMENT.

THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) SALARY OF SECRETARY; RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNOR.

THE SECRETARY SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. HE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. THE SECRETARY SHALL COUNSEL AND ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THESE MATTERS. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.