

ENCOURAGE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL ECONOMY, PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY, AND PROMOTION OF THE RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as the first paragraph of Article 66C, section 343 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

SUBTITLE 2. ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT PERTAINING TO FORESTS AND PARKS - IN GENERAL.

5-201. ROLE OF DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL; TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION FROM DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND PARKS.

(A) ROLE OF DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL.—THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMOTE, ADMINISTER, AND MANAGE EVERY STATE-OWNED OR LEASED FOREST, PARK, SCENIC PRESERVE, NATURAL AREA, PARKWAY, HISTORIC MONUMENT, AND RECREATION AREA, ADMINISTER EVERY LAW AND RULE OR REGULATION RELATING TO FORESTS, PARKS, SCENIC PRESERVES, NATURAL AREAS, PARKWAYS, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, RECREATION AREAS, FIRE CONTROL, ROADSIDE TREES, THE RESTORATION OF DEFORESTED OR DENUDED AREAS, AND THE OPERATION OF THE STATE FOREST NURSERY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as the second paragraph of Article 66C, section 343, as amended by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. The only changes made are in style.

(B) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND PARKS TO DEPARTMENT.— EVERY RIGHT, POWER, DUTY, OBLIGATION, AND FUNCTION CONFERRED UPON OR EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREST AND PARKS IS TRANSFERRED TO AND EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT. EVERY REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREST AND PARKS WHICH APPEARS IN THE CODE, OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE, OR IN ANY ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, RULE, REGULATION, LEGAL ACTION, DIRECTIVE, OR DOCUMENT, MEANS THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection was added as the third paragraph of Article 66C, section 343 of the Code by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. It is proposed for retention because it