

(B) "COUNTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE BALTIMORE CITY.

(C) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(D) "STATE" MEANS:

(1) A STATE, POSSESSION, OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES;

(2) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; OR

(3) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

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(A) THERE IS A HEALTH OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY.

(B) (1) THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR A COUNTY SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE COUNTY AND APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY.

(2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COUNTY NOMINATES AN INDIVIDUAL FOR HEALTH OFFICER.

(3) IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT A NOMINEE MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT THE NOMINEE AS HEALTH OFFICER.

(4) IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THAT THE NOMINEE DOES NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL REJECT THE NOMINATION, AND THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE THE SECRETARY WITH ANOTHER NOMINATION.

~~{C}-{1}-THE-HEALTH-OFFICER-FOR-EACH-COUNTY, EXCEPT PRINCE-GEORGE'S-COUNTY, SHALL~~

(C) THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY:

~~{1}-HAVE-A-MASTER'S-DEGREE-IN-PUBLIC HEALTH,~~

~~{11}-HAVE-WORKED-FOR-AT-LEAST-2-YEARS-IN THE-FIELD-OF-PUBLIC-HEALTH,~~

~~{1}-1-HAVE (1) (1) SHALL HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND HAVE WORKED FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH; OR~~

2-HAVE (II) SHALL HAVE WORKED FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH;

~~{111} {11} (2) SHALL HAVE ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHES BY RULE OR REGULATION; AND~~