

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

(2) THIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY.

(3) THIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(4) THIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAS THE DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY. THIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED OR DELEGATED TO THIS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SO AS TO ENSURE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION, ENHANCEMENT, WISE USE, AND PERPETUATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THIS STATE FOR THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO THIS STATE AND ITS CITIZENS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Paragraphs (1) and (4) of this subsection are new language derived without substantive change from former Article 41, § 206(c)(2) and former Article 43, § 1Fi.

Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are new language added for clarity and conformity to the provisions in subsection (c)(2) and (4) of this section, as to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions. Note that, under subsection (d)(2) of this section, each assistant secretary serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

In paragraph (4) of this subsection, the phrase "is responsible to the Secretary for administering ... functions assigned or delegated to this Assistant Secretary" is new language added to clarify that, while former Article 41, § 206(c)(3)(i) mandated that the Secretary delegate to this Assistant Secretary those environmental regulatory functions transferred to the Secretary under Chs. 27 and 815, Acts of 1980, the exercise of these responsibilities is subject to the authority of the Secretary. In the Health Occupations Article, specific reference to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Programs is added in those provisions that relate to the transferred functions. Therefore, former Article 41, § 206(c)(3)(i) is deleted as unnecessary.

Former Article 41, § 206(c)(3)(ii), which provided that the transferred functions are in addition to other delegated functions, also is deleted as unnecessary.