SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

11-304.

- (M) (1) A FRANCHISE CREATED BY A MARKETING AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SHALL DEVOLVE ON DEATH OR RETIREMENT OF A SERVICE STATION DEALER TO A DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST OF THE DEALER, LIMITED TO THE DEALER'S SPOUSE, ADULT CHILD, OR ADULT STEPCHILD.
- (2) (I) SUBJECT TO THE DISTRIBUTOR'S APPROVAL WHICH MAY NOT BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD, THE SUCCESSOR DEALER SHALL BE GRANTED A 1 YEAR TRIAL MARKETING AGREEMENT BY THE DISTRIBUTOR, IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSOR DEALER, UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS WERE CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.
- (II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 11-304(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE, DURING THE PERIOD OF THE TRIAL MARKETING AGREEMENT, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE DISTRIBUTOR, THE SUCCESSOR DEALER MAY:
 - 1. SELL THE BUSINESS ASSETS;
 - 2. ASSIGN THE MARKETING AGREEMENT;

OR

- 3. RENEW THE MARKETING AGREEMENT UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEABLE TO THE DISTRIBUTOR AND THE SUCCESSOR DEALER.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.

CHAPTER 799

(Senate Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services - Deputy Secretary

FOR the purpose of eliminating provisions for 2 deputy secretaries in the Department of Public Safety and