

(C) OATH.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(D) RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNOR; ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT.

(1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THOSE MATTERS.

(2) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH, REORGANIZE, OR ABOLISH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE SECRETARY.

(3) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) SALARY.

THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), (d)(1) and (2), and (e) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from the second sentence of former Art. 41, § 71(a), from the first, second, and third sentences and -- as it related to the salary of the Secretary -- the fourth sentence of (b), and from the first and second sentences of (c).

Subsection (c) of this section is standard language added to state the duty of an individual appointed to any office of profit or trust to take the oath specified in Md. Constitution, Art. I, § 9. This addition is supported by 64 Op. Att'y Gen. 246 (1979).

Subsection (d)(3) of this section is new language that repeats the provisions of the fourth sentence of present Art. 41, § 3A(a). Although present Art. 41, § 3A(a) sets forth the general powers of all the secretaries of principal departments, the fourth sentence of that present subsection is repeated here -- as a responsibility of the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning -- since the laws that relate to other secretaries specifically state this power. See the General Revisor's Note to Title 8, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.