

The specific power "may adopt" is substituted for the former reference "shall be responsible", to clarify that the Secretary does adopt, and not merely review, regulations. This substitution is nonsubstantive in light of present Art. 41, § 3B, which gives, to the secretary of each principal department, "full authority and responsibility for the promulgation of all rules and regulations for all departments and other instrumentalities within his jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided by law." Since the secretaries of some principal departments only have revisory power as to rules and regulations of units, in this subsection, the words "and its units" are added to clarify that the Secretary adopts the rules and regulations of all units in the Department.

See the General Revisor's Note to this article, as to the use of the word "adopt" and the omission of the former reference to "rules".

Defined terms: "Department" § 5-101
"Secretary" § 5-101

(C) CITIZENS' ADVISORY BODIES.

THE SECRETARY MAY CREATE ANY CITIZENS' ADVISORY BODY THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language that repeats the provisions of the first clause of the tenth sentence of present Art. 41, § 3A(a). Although present Art. 41, § 3A(a) sets forth the general powers of all of the secretaries of principal departments, the first clause of the tenth sentence of that former subsection is repeated here -- as a power of the Secretary of State 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.

Defined terms: "Department" § 5-101
"Secretary" § 5-101

(D) SEAL.

THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE A SEAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 227(b).

The former reference to using the seal "for purposes of authentication" of certain documents is deleted as surplusage.