

of Dangerous Household Substances; and Title 24. Miscellaneous Provisions, respectively of Article - Health - General of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

ARTICLE - ENVIRONMENT

1-101.

(c) "Department" means the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT.

(h) "Secretary" means the Secretary of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT.

1-301.

(A) The Secretary shall carry out and enforce the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations adopted under this article.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE DUTIES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE TO A HEALTH OFFICER FOR A COUNTY OR OTHER TO ANOTHER COUNTY OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

(C) IN THOSE COUNTIES WHERE A COUNTY OFFICIAL OTHER THAN THE HEALTH OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THAT COUNTY OFFICIAL THAT INCLUDE STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

SUBTITLE 4. ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT

1-401.

THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

1-402.

(A) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) (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