

## CHAPTER 311

(Senate Bill 699)

## AN ACT concerning

Reorganization of State Government - Department of Economic and  
Employment Development and Department of Housing and Community  
Development

FOR the purpose of reorganizing State government by creating and establishing as principal departments of State government the Department of Economic and Employment Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development; transferring and reassigning the duties, responsibilities, authority, functions, and units of the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Employment and Training to the new Departments; abolishing the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Employment and Training; providing for the appointment of the Secretaries and the heads of certain units of the new Departments and for the terms, duties, responsibilities, authority, and functions of those individuals; abolishing the Department of Economic and Community Development Advisory Commission and providing for the establishment of certain advisory councils, boards, and committees; establishing certain Divisions and units of government within each Department; transferring the Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development to the Department of Agriculture, and establishing a Seafood Marketing Fund; transferring the Maryland Energy Office and associated programs to the Department of Housing and Community Development; transferring community action agencies from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Housing and Community Development; repealing certain obsolete provisions and clarifying language; validating bonds, notes, and other evidence of indebtedness and obligations issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development or any of its authorized bond issuers; requiring the Executive Branch to submit certain reports by certain dates; providing certain personnel affected by this Act with certain options and rights as to employment and retirement status; and generally relating to the creation and operation of the Department of Economic and Employment Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, the transfer of certain units of State government to create the new Departments, and the reorganization of State government.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government