

Subtitle 6 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, all personnel and budget authority currently assigned to the Division of Archaeology of the Maryland Geological Survey within the Department of Natural Resources under §§ 2-301 through 2-310 and 5-1405 of the Natural Resources Article are transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust within the Department of Housing and Community Development, except for the personnel and budget authority directly associated with the State Highway Studies for which the Department of Transportation provides special funds.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are, as of the effective date of this Act, classified or unclassified employees of the Department of Natural Resources and whose positions are transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust within the Department of Housing and Community Development by this Act are hereby transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust without any change or loss of rights or status and shall retain their merit system and retirement status. Upon the promotion, retirement, termination, or resignation of each classified employee transferred pursuant to this Act, the position shall revert to and shall remain in unclassified status in accordance with Article 41B, § 5-609 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it remains valid after the effective date and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, property, equipment, vehicles, artifacts, investigations, research and administrative files, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect under the Secretary of Housing and Community Development or the Maryland Historical Trust, whichever is appropriate, until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 6-2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other