

(C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SUPERSEDE ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER PART OF THE CODE.

15.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR;

(3) BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR; AND

(4) COUNSEL AND ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF OFFICE.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE UNCLASSIFIED AND ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE COVERED BY A SURETY BOND IN THE FORM AND AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW.

16.

(1) The Commissioner, subject to the approval of the [Secretary of Licensing and Regulation] GOVERNOR, shall appoint a deputy insurance commissioner and during a vacancy in the office of the Commissioner, or in the absence or disability of the Commissioner for any reason, the deputy commissioner shall exercise all of the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner.

(2) The deputy commissioner shall:

(I) [be] BE covered by a surety bond in THE FORM AND AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW [accordance with the provisions of §§ 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland]; and

(II) [he shall] BE UNCLASSIFIED AND receive an annual compensation as provided in the budget.

[17.

The Commissioner, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, shall set up within the Division such divisions or sections as he may deem necessary for the appropriate performance of the duties of the Division and the proper exercise of the powers vested therein. Such organization shall proceed along functional lines, and shall have as its purpose efficiency in operation and service to the public.]