

and the Secretary of Business and Economic Development and the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation are the successors of the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development and the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, as provided in this Act. In every law, executive order, rule, regulation, policy or document created by any official, employee, or unit of this State, the names and titles of those agencies and officials mean the names and terms of the successor agency or official, as provided in this Act.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of the Department of Economic and Employment Development and the Department of Licensing and Regulation whose positions are transferred to the Department of Business and Economic Development or the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall be transferred to the Department of Business and Economic Development or the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation on the effective date of this Act without any diminution of their rights, benefits, or employment status, including, if any, merit system and retirement status.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, any employee of the Department of Business and Economic Development who is in the classified service of the State Personnel Management System on July 1, 1995, and who is thereafter appointed to a position that was a classified service position on June 30, 1995, shall remain in the classified service.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the classified employees of the Department of Business and Economic Development shall participate in any pay increase granted to other State employees, including the cost-of-living increases. Any cost-of-living increases so granted to such employees may not be less than the cost-of-living increase granted to State employees in comparable positions in the State classified service.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the changes made by this Act to § 11-201 of the Labor and Employment Article may not be interpreted to have any effect on the provisions of § 19-326.1 of the Health - General Article.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that additional costs to the State associated with reorganization under this Act be limited to no more than \$250,000 for one-time set-up costs. The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall apprise the General Assembly of actions to attain the same level of federal funding historically attained for activities supported by federal funds.

SECTION 9. 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor may transfer any related administrative functions and employees of the Department of Economic and Employment Development to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

~~SECTION 40.~~ 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed member of any board, commission, committee, or other agency or unit, and a person who is a member of such a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain a