municipality for the current fiscal year, as provided in § 66 of this article, to the extent that the State's aid due the subdivision or qualifying municipality in the current fiscal year under that section exceeds the amount which the subdivision or qualifying municipality received in the prior fiscal year.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

> Subsections (a) and (c) of this section are amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994.

69.

(a)   The [Superintendent] SECRETARY of the [Maryland] State Police shall administer the State Aid for Police Protection Fund.

(b)   The [Superintendent] SECRETARY shall:

(1)   Certify to the Comptroller and to the subdivisions and qualifying municipalities the amount of payments to the subdivisions and qualifying municipalities; and

(2)   Make such regulations and require such reports as are necessary to certify the amounts.

(c)   In administering the fund, the [Superintendent] SECRETARY shall:

(1)   Make a continuing effort to establish standards of police protection adequate to the various local situations; and

(2)   Subject to § 2–1312 of the State Government Article, report periodically to the General Assembly on progress in establishing and meeting those standards, including the payment amounts certified under subsection (b) of this section and any other relevant fiscal information.

(f)   (1)   In the event a municipality fails to meet the minimum standards for two successive years, the [Superintendent] SECRETARY shall withhold payments to the municipality with respect to the second year.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

> Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (f)(1) of this section is amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994 and to delete surplus language.

70.

(b)   The licensing authority shall be the [Maryland] Department [of State Police].