

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which appointed or elected, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction or employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from the statute, remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act as though the repeal, amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If the change in nomenclature involves a change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the continuity of every department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit is retained. The personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of each retained unit are continued as the personnel, records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties, appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the unit under the laws enacted by this Act.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any person licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit by any board, commission, agency, or other unit established or continued by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act is considered for all purposes to be licensed, registered, certified, or issued a permit by the appropriate unit continued under this Act for the duration of the term for which the license, registration, certification, or permit was issued, and may renew that authorization in accordance with the appropriate renewal provisions of this Act. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, a person who was originally licensed, registered, or certified under a provision of law that has been deleted by this Act as obsolete, continues to meet the educational and experience requirements to the same extent as if that provision had not been deleted.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall propose the correction of cross-references that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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