

17.

(a) The Secretary shall, within the limits of any appropriation made for such purpose, appoint such employees as are deemed necessary by the Secretary for the efficient administration of the Department. All appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons [prepared by the Secretary of Budget and Management] in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees].

19.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no police employee shall be appointed or promoted to any rank except one which requires technical knowledge, unless the employee is bypassing an obsolete rank and currently fills the rank immediately below the rank that has been declared obsolete, or has filled the rank immediately below that to which the employee is promoted; but as to any noncommissioned rank which contains less than twenty-five police employees, the Secretary may by rule direct that it is unnecessary to fill such rank for purposes of promotion. Promotion to any noncommissioned rank shall be made in the manner prescribed by rule. Promotion to any commissioned rank, except deputy secretary, shall be made from among those persons appearing in any position on a list of eligible persons prepared [by the Secretary of Budget and Management] in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees].

(e) Promotions of civilian employees shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees].

21.

Employment of any employee shall terminate upon his death, retirement, resignation or discharge. Retirement shall occur in accordance with the applicable provisions of §§ 31 through 37 of this article or the State Personnel and Pensions Article and, except as to the Secretary, shall be mandatory as provided in § 31(a) of this article or § 24-401(c) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. Resignation of an employee shall not be valid until accepted by the Secretary, but acceptance shall not be withheld unless proceedings for discharge are contemplated or pending. An employee, other than a probationary employee, may be discharged only in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees].

24.

(a) In cases of inconsistency between this article and the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees], the provisions of this article shall control as to all matters relating to the Department.

(b) Except as expressly provided herein, the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article [that govern classified service employees] shall not apply to or affect the compensation, rank, grade or status of any police employee.