

- (6) General Services;
- (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (8) Housing and Community Development;
- (9) Human Resources;
- (10) Juvenile Justice;
- (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- (12) Natural Resources;
- (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (14) State Police; [and]
- (15) Transportation; AND
- (16) VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Subtitle 9. DEPARTMENT OF Veterans AFFAIRS.

Part I. [Definition] ESTABLISHED.

9-901.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(C) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(D) Except as otherwise provided in ~~§§ 9-913 and 9-914~~ ~~§ 9-913~~ of this subtitle, [in this subtitle,] "veteran" means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, OTHER THAN FOR TRAINING, AND WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.

9-902.

(A) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

(B) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WHO SHALL BE:

(1) A VETERAN WHO HAS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE WITH A UNIFORMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES; AND

(2) APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.