

- [(15)] (16) State Police;
- [(16)] (17) Transportation; and
- [(17)] (18) Veterans Affairs.

SUBTITLE 11. DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES.

9-1101.

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

~~(B)~~ (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD.

~~(C)~~ (C) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES.

~~(D)~~ (D) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES.

~~(E)~~ (E) "DISABILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12102.

~~(F)~~ (F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES.

~~(G)~~ (G) "UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OFFICE, COMMISSION, COUNCIL, OR OTHER UNIT OF THE STATE WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

9-1102.

(A) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(B) THE SECRETARY IS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SHALL:

(1) HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF DISABILITY LAWS, LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

(2) HOLD AT A MINIMUM A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;

(3) BE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY OR APPOINT A DEPUTY SECRETARY WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY; AND

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

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THESE MATTERS.