

Defined term: "Office" § 6-301

6-305. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.

THE OFFICE EXERCISES ITS AUTHORITY, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS UNDER ANY STATE LAW SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY UNDER ANY STATE LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 6-404(b).

The reference to "its" authority, duties, and functions is substituted for the former reference to "all" authority, duties, and functions "vested, or to be vested in the Office" for brevity.

The phrase "under any State law" is substituted for the former phrases "by the provisions of this subtitle or by any other laws of the State" and "as set forth in this article or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland" for brevity.

Defined terms: "Office" § 6-301

"Secretary" § 6-101

6-306. POWERS AND DUTIES.

(A) LIAISON DUTIES.

(1) THE OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH:

- (I) THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;
- (II) LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED WITH ENERGY PROGRAMS;
- (III) CITIZENS' GROUPS;
- (IV) UTILITY VENDORS AND MAJOR FUEL VENDORS IN THE STATE;
- AND
- (V) ANY OTHER STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL UNITS.

(2) THE OFFICE SHALL:

- (I) CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE THE LOCAL ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION REGARDING THEIR ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;
- (II) WORK AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- (III) CONSULT WITH ALL UTILITY VENDORS AND MAJOR FUEL VENDORS IN THE STATE WHEN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM.

(B) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.