

(G) UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

“UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT” MEANS A DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OFFICE, COMMISSION, COUNCIL, OR OTHER UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

REVISOR’S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former SG § 9-1101(g).

7-102. RESERVED.

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PART II. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT.

7-104. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

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

REVISOR’S NOTE: This section formerly was SG § 9-1102(a).

No changes are made.

7-105. SECRETARY.

(A) POSITION AND APPOINTMENT.

(1) WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES.

(2) THE SECRETARY IS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

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

(2) AT A MINIMUM, HOLD A BACHELOR’S DEGREE; AND

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

(C) OATH.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(D) RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNOR

(1) THE SECRETARY SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNOR.