

(B) OATH.

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

(C) RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNOR.

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

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES ON THOSE MATTERS.

(D) COMPENSATION.

THE SECRETARY IS ENTITLED TO THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (c), and (d) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 70B, § 2(b), (d), and (c)(1).

Subsection (b) of this section is standard language added to state the requirement that an individual appointed to any office of profit or trust shall take the oath specified in Md. Constitution, Art. I, § 9. This addition is supported by 64 Op. Att'y Gen. 246 (1979).

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to the Secretary's "compensation" is substituted for the former reference to the Secretary's "salary" for accuracy and consistency throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

Defined terms: "Department" § 10-101
"Secretary" § 10-101

10-203. ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT.

(A) OPERATION OF DEPARTMENT.

THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH, REORGANIZE, OR ABOLISH AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE SECRETARY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 70B, § 2(c)(2).

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to duties assigned "to" the