

of this section prevail over the general rule in the former fourteenth sentence. Accordingly, subsections (a), (b), and (e) of this section refer to approval by the "Governor" or the "Secretary", but not both. Since Ch. 363, Acts of 1989, deleted a specific reference to approval of the Secretary, in former Art. 89, § 97, Ch. 406, Acts of 1972 omitted a reference to any approval in former Art. 89, § 49, and Ch. 742, Acts of 1974 omitted a reference to any approval in former Art. 89, § 49B(1), subsections (c), (d), and (f) of this section omit reference to any approval.

The effect of this revision, however, is to require approval of both the Governor and Secretary only for positions in the lower echelon. In practice, most if not all staff is employed in accordance with the Merit System Law. The General Assembly may wish to consider whether subsection (g) of this section still represents the legislative intent or is needed in light of the current budgetary process.

Defined terms: "Commissioner" § 2-101

"Division" § 2-101

"Secretary" § 2-101

2-105. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMISSIONER.

IN ADDITION TO ANY DUTIES SET FORTH ELSEWHERE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) TRY TO PROMOTE HARMONY BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND LABOR;

(2) TRY TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE WELFARE OF WAGE EARNERS; AND

(3) ACCEPT GRANTS OF MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS UNITS OR AGENTS FOR A MATTER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 89, § 2(1), (3), and (4).

The introductory language of this section, "[i]n addition to any duties set forth elsewhere", is added to clarify that this section is not an exhaustive list of the duties of the Commissioner.

In item (2) of this section, the former word "encourage" is deleted as included in the word "promote".

In item (3) of this section, the former duty to "receive" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the duty to "accept".

Also in item (b)(3) of this section, the former phrase "under any act" is deleted as unnecessary since appropriations are necessarily by acts.