

amended, within a planning and service area to administer the delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated plan of social and other services and activities for the elderly.

(C) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING.

[(c)] (D) "Congregate housing services" means services provided in an apartment building that promote independent living and include congregate meals, housekeeping, and personal services for:

(1) An individual at least 62 years old who has temporary or periodic difficulty with one or more essential activities of daily living, such as feeding, bathing, grooming, dressing, or transferring; and

(2) The spouse of an individual described in paragraph (1) of this subsection who is at least 55 years old and who has temporary or periodic difficulty with one or more essential activities of daily living, such as feeding, bathing, grooming, dressing, or transferring.

[(d)] (E) "Interagency Committee on Aging Services" means the body designated in this article to oversee the coordination and consolidation of services for the elderly in this State.

[(e)] (F) "Planning and service area" means a subdivision or subdivisions of the State designated by the [Office on] DEPARTMENT OF Aging, pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, for the planning and administration of social, health, and other services for the elderly.

(G) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF AGING.

[2.

(a) The Office on Aging is created as part of the Executive Department. The Office consists of a Director on Aging and the Commission on Aging.

(b) The Director on Aging shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and be directly responsible to him. The Director is responsible for the operation of the Office and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Office. He shall receive the salary provided in the State budget.

(c) The Office shall have the assistants, consultants, and employees provided in the State budget.]

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

(B) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF AGING, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.