

~~(a) The head of the Department is the Secretary of Health [and Mental Hygiene], who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Department in which the Department identifies:

(1) the boards, commissions, councils, and committees that are operated by the Department or that otherwise involve the Department;

(2) methods to streamline or consolidate the boards, commissions, councils, and committees that are found by the Department to be duplicative or unnecessary; and

(3) the reports that are required by the General Assembly to be submitted by the Department.

(b) In conducting the review required by subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall ensure that the health care needs of the citizens of the State are considered and maintained.

(c) The review of the Department required under subsection (a) of this section does not include a review of the health occupations boards under the jurisdiction of the Department.

~~(e)~~ (d) On or before December 1, 2008, the Department shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Governor and General Assembly on the review required under subsection (a) of this section, and shall include in the report:

(1) a description of the boards, commissions, councils, and committees operated by the Department or that otherwise involve the Department;

(2) a list of the reports required by the General Assembly to be submitted by the Department; and

(3) legislative and administrative recommendations for the streamlining and consolidation of duplicative or unnecessary boards, commissions, councils, committees, and legislative reports including the justification for the recommendations.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the~~