

(c) DUTIES.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SHALL HAVE THE DUTIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 2-102(a).

Defined terms: "Department" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

2-106. STAFF — SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET, THE SECRETARY MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AND RETAIN PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

(B) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SECRETARY MAY DESIGNATE A STAFF ASSISTANT TO BE IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

(C) EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND REMOVAL.

(1) EACH STAFF ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND EACH PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT IS APPOINTED BY AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY.

(2) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE THAT GOVERN SKILLED SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 2-102(b).

In subsection (a) of this section, the word "may" is substituted for the former reference to the word "shall" for consistency with similar provisions in other revised articles of the Code. *See, e.g.*, BOP §§ 5-204(e)(1) and 14-204(d), BR § 2-103(b)(1), CS § 2-106(a), EN § 1-403(b)(1), FI § 2-104, HG § 2-103(b)(1), HO § 17-204(d), SF §§ 3-203(c)(1), 4-203(b)(1), and 5-203(a), and SG §§ 2-1606(b), 5-105(a), 6-105(a)(1), and 9-108(e)(1).

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to "a staff" is substituted for the former reference to "assistants, ... and employees" for brevity and consistency with similar provisions in other revised articles of the Code. *See, e.g.*, BOP §§ 5-204(e)(1) and 14-204(d), BR § 2-103(b)(1), CS § 2-106(a), EN § 1-403(b)(1), FI § 2-104, HG § 2-103(b)(1), HO § 17-204(d), SF §§ 3-203(c)(1), 4-203(b)(1), and 5-203(a), and SG §§ 2-1606(b), 5-105(a), 6-105(a)(1), and 9-108(e)(1).