

DEVELOPMENT

TITLE 1. ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS

1-101.

(A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(C) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(D) "STATE" MEANS THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

SUBTITLE 2. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED AND ORGANIZED

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(A) (1) THERE IS A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT IS A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

(3) THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(I) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR;

(II) BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR AND SHALL COUNSEL AND ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(III) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE GOVERNOR'S POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.