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By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (Departmental - Human Resources)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Services**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Human Resources to be the
4 Department of Human Services; renaming the Secretary of Human Resources to
5 be the Secretary of Human Services; providing for a delayed effective date; and
6 generally relating to the Department of Human Services.

7 BY renaming
8 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
9 to be Article 88A - Department of Human Services
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
14 Section 6-101 to be under the amended title "Title 6. Department of Human
15 Services"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article - State Government
20 Section 8-201
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That Article 88A - Department of Human Resources of the Annotated
25 Code of Maryland be renamed to be Article 88A - Department of Human Services.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
27 read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

Title 6. Department of Human [Resources] SERVICES.

3 6-101.

4 (a) The Department of Human [Resources] SERVICES is hereby created as a
5 principal department of the State government. The head of the Department of Human
6 [Resources] SERVICES shall be the Secretary of Human [Resources] SERVICES, who
7 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

8 (b) The Secretary of Human [Resources] SERVICES shall receive such salary
9 as provided in the State budget. The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the
10 Governor, shall be directly responsible to the Governor, shall counsel and advise the
11 Governor on all matters assigned to the Department of Human [Resources]
12 SERVICES, and shall be responsible for carrying out the Governor's policies with
13 respect to such matters.

14 (c) The Secretary of Human [Resources] SERVICES shall be responsible for
15 the operation of the Department of Human [Resources] SERVICES, and shall
16 establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient
17 administration thereof. [He] THE SECRETARY may establish areas of responsibility
18 within [his] THE SECRETARY'S office and may reorganize or abolish the same as
19 necessary to fulfill effectively the duties assigned to [him] THE SECRETARY.

Article - State Government

21 8-201.

22 (a) The Executive Branch of the State government shall have not more than
23 21 principal departments, each of which shall embrace a broad, functional area of that
24 Branch.

25 (b) The principal departments of the Executive Branch of the State
26 government are:

- 27 (1) Aging;
- 28 (2) Agriculture;
- 29 (3) Budget and Management;
- 30 (4) Business and Economic Development;
- 31 (5) the Environment;
- 32 (6) General Services;
- 33 (7) Health and Mental Hygiene;

- 1 (8) Housing and Community Development;
- 2 (9) Human [Resources] SERVICES;
- 3 (10) Juvenile Justice;
- 4 (11) Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- 5 (12) Natural Resources;
- 6 (13) Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- 7 (14) State Police; and
- 8 (15) Transportation.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the
10 Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative
11 Services, shall correct any agency names and titles throughout the Code that are
12 rendered incorrect by this Act.

13 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
14 effect January 1, 2000.