
By: **Senators Miller, Currie, Frosh, Hollinger, McFadden, and Middleton**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gubernatorial Appointment of Cabinet Secretaries**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, after the inauguration of a Governor to a second
4 consecutive term of office, if that Governor carries over any principal
5 department secretary, that secretary shall be reappointed by the Governor with
6 the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; and generally relating to
7 gubernatorial appointments.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 8-203
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - State Government**

16 8-203.

17 (a) (1) The head of each principal department is a secretary, who shall be
18 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

19 (2) AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF A GOVERNOR TO A SECOND
20 CONSECUTIVE TERM OF OFFICE, IF THAT GOVERNOR CARRIES OVER ANY PRINCIPAL
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, THAT SECRETARY SHALL BE REAPPOINTED BY THE
22 GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

23 (b) The Governor shall select, on the bases of professional and administrative
24 knowledge and experience, a secretary who has the qualifications required by law.

25 (c) Unless otherwise provided by law, the secretary of a principal department
26 or, with the approval of the Governor, a designee of the secretary shall represent the
27 State and coordinate its participation in an interstate, regional, or other
28 intergovernmental unit that is in the department.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2006.