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CHAPTER _____

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 ~~who has served as the secretary for less than one year,~~
6 that secretary shall be reappointed by the Governor with the advice and consent
7 of the Senate of Maryland; and generally relating to gubernatorial
8 appointments.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 8-203
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 8-203.

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

1 (2) AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF A GOVERNOR TO A SECOND
2 CONSECUTIVE TERM OF OFFICE, IF THAT GOVERNOR CARRIES OVER ANY PRINCIPAL
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ~~WHO HAS SERVED AS THE SECRETARY FOR LESS THAN 1~~
4 ~~YEAR~~, THAT SECRETARY SHALL BE REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE
5 ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

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

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

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