

SENATE BILL 511

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Secretary of Aging – Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing certain qualification requirements for an individual
4 appointed as the Secretary of Aging; and generally relating to the Department of
5 Aging.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Human Services
8 Section 10–202
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Human Services**

14 10–202.

15 (a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint
16 the Secretary of Aging.

17 (2) The Secretary is the head of the Department.

18 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY MUST:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(1) HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF:**

2 **(I) LAWS, LEGISLATION, AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO**
3 **AGING; AND**

4 **(II) PROGRAMS FOR AGING INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING**
5 **EVIDENCE-BASED AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS;**

6 **(2) DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO THE MISSIONS OF BOTH THE**
7 **FEDERAL OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

8 **(3) AT MINIMUM, HOLD A BACHELOR’S DEGREE.**

9 **[(b)] (C)** Before taking office, the appointee shall take the oath required by
10 Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

11 **[(c)] (D)** (1) The Secretary serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is
12 responsible directly to the Governor.

13 (2) The Secretary shall advise the Governor on all matters assigned to the
14 Department and is responsible for carrying out the Governor’s policies on those matters.

15 **[(d)] (E)** The Secretary is entitled to the compensation provided in the State
16 budget.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 January 20, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.