

tive date of this Act, together with all rules, regulations, general and special orders and other directives relating thereto, OR PROMULGATED THEREBY, and then in effect for the government of the departments and agencies, shall continue in force pending exercise by the Secretary or the departments and agencies of the powers, duties and responsibilities vested in him or them by these provisions.

SEC. 29. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all persons who are employees of the departments or agencies which constitute parts of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the effective date hereof are hereby confirmed in the office, position or civilian classification which they hold on such date, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act. MARYLAND, THAT ALL PERSONS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES WHICH CONSTITUTE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF SHALL RETAIN THEIR MERIT SYSTEM STATUS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.

SEC. 30. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any part of this Act, or any section or part of the section thereof, shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Act, or any section or part of a section hereof, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed the remaining parts of this Act, or sections or parts of sections hereof, if such unconstitutionality or invalidity had been known; and to this end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 31. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 32. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 9, 1969.

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## CHAPTER 78

(Senate Bill 580)

AN ACT to repeal Section 71 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Budget and Procurement," and to enact new Section 71 to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed to be under the same title, but to be under the new subtitle, "The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning," and to repeal Section 16 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1968