

SENATE BILL 292

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By: **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Secretary of State)**

Requested: September 16, 2023

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Deputy Secretary of State – Title**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the title of the Assistant Secretary of State to be “Deputy
4 Secretary of State”; and generally relating to the title of the Deputy Secretary of
5 State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 3–313(b)(2)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 7–102 and 18–104(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Safety**
19 3–313.

20 (b) (2) The Governor may delegate the power to suspend or terminate a
21 commission to the Secretary of State, the [Assistant] **DEPUTY** Secretary of State, or both.

22 **Article – State Government**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7–102.

2 (a) The Governor may appoint [an Assistant] **A DEPUTY** Secretary of State.

3 (b) If the Secretary of State is absent from the seat of the State government or ill,
4 the [Assistant] **DEPUTY** Secretary may carry out any duty that is imposed by law on the
5 Secretary.

6 18–104.

7 (b) (1) The Governor may delegate to the Secretary of State or the [Assistant]
8 **DEPUTY** Secretary of State the authority to take an action under subsection (a) of this
9 section.

10 (2) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary of State or
11 [Assistant] **DEPUTY** Secretary of State shall give the notary notice and an opportunity for
12 a hearing as provided in subsection (a) of this section, but is not required to submit a
13 recommendation to the Governor before acting under this subsection.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
15 1, 2024.