

# HOUSE BILL 146

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Aging)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Secretary of Aging – Administration of Commodity Supplemental Food Program**  
3 **and Regulatory Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to administer the federal Commodity  
5 Supplemental Food Program using certain funds and resources received under a  
6 certain federal law; authorizing the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; and  
7 generally relating to the Secretary of Aging.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Human Services  
10 Section 10–204  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 10–204.

17 (a) The Secretary shall administer:

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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)**     the programs and activities that the federal government delegates to  
2 the State under the Older Americans Act of 1965 that are not otherwise committed by law  
3 to another unit of State government; **AND**

4           **(2)     THE FEDERAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**  
5 **WITH FUNDS AND RESOURCES RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT**  
6 **OF AGRICULTURE UNDER 7 C.F.R. 247.**

7           (b)     The Secretary:

8                 (1)     is a member of the Governor's Executive Council; and

9                 (2)     shall cooperate with and receive the cooperation of State, federal, and  
10 local governmental units to carry out the purposes of this title.

11          (c)     The Secretary shall:

12                 (1)     evaluate the service needs of seniors in the State;

13                 (2)     determine the extent to which existing public and private programs  
14 meet the needs of seniors;

15                 (3)     establish priorities for meeting the needs of seniors;

16                 (4)     coordinate, subject to existing law, assess and evaluate, and educate  
17 the public and professionals about all State and local programs and services, both public  
18 and private, that relate and are important to the well-being of seniors in the State,  
19 including programs and services in the areas of:

20                     (i)     income maintenance;

21                     (ii)    public health;

22                     (iii)   mental health;

23                     (iv)    housing and urban development;

24                     (v)     employment;

25                     (vi)    education;

26                     (vii)   recreation; and

27                     (viii)  rehabilitation of seniors with physical or mental disabilities; and

1 (5) develop a statewide plan incorporating local plans for a comprehensive  
2 and coordinated system of health, social, and community services for seniors, including  
3 housing and institutional and noninstitutional care.

4 (d) The Secretary shall:

5 (1) represent the interests of seniors by serving as an advocate at all levels  
6 of government;

7 (2) consult with and advise the secretaries of the principal departments of  
8 State government about the programs and services for seniors that are the primary  
9 responsibility of those departments;

10 (3) consult with the Commission on Aging on all matters pertaining to  
11 programs for seniors;

12 (4) provide consultation and technical assistance to communities and civic  
13 groups developing local services for seniors;

14 (5) maintain a clearinghouse of information related to the interests of  
15 seniors; and

16 (6) review and recommend policies to the Governor on publicly funded  
17 plans and programs that affect seniors.

18 **(E) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**  
19 **PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.