

**Maryland Port Commission – Private Operating
Companies
(Transportation Article 6-201.2 (a))**

**A Report to the Governor
and the
Legislative Policy Committee**

**Maryland Department of Transportation
Maryland Port Administration**

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In accordance with Section 6-201.2(a) of the Transportation Article, the Maryland Port Commission is authorized to appoint up to a total of twelve management personnel employees to operate and manage all State-owned port facilities or to perform services for private operating companies created under Section 6-204(q) of the Transportation Article. The Commission was also granted the authority to determine the qualifications, appointments, and compensation for these employees. As to the reporting requirement, Section 6-201.2(a)(8) of the Transportation Article directs that:

“On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall report to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on actions taken by the Commission under this subsection during the previous fiscal year with regard to individuals subject to this subsection.”

During Fiscal Year 2023, the Port Commission took the following actions with regard to management personnel employees:

- On January 10, 2023, the Maryland Port Commission appointed Holly Miller as the Acting Director of Harbor Development at a salary of \$156,750, commencing on November 16, 2022 when she started acting in the position. Ms. Miller was later appointed the Director of Harbor Development effective May 2, 2023. There was no change to her salary.
- On June 6, 2023, the Maryland Port Commission appointed Kathleen Pickett as Director of Security at a salary of \$140,000.