

**135.2 Appointment of director and acting director.**

1. *a.* The governor shall appoint the director of the department, subject to confirmation by the senate. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The director is exempt from the merit system provisions of [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#). The governor shall set the salary of the director within the range established by the general assembly.

*b.* The director shall possess education and experience in public health.

2. The director may appoint an employee of the department to be acting director, who shall have all the powers and duties possessed by the director. The director may appoint more than one acting director but only one acting director shall exercise the powers and duties of the director at any time.

[C97, S13, §2564; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2182, 2184, 2185; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, §135.2, 135.4, 135.5; C81, §135.2]

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1102](#); [88 Acts, ch 1158, §32](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §186](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1184, §75](#)

Confirmation; [§2.32](#)