

**75-5701b. Successors and continuation of department and secretary of human resources; force and effect of actions performed in exercise of duties; application of documentary references and designations; rules and regulations, orders and directives continued in effect until superseded.** (a)

Except with respect to the powers, duties, and functions that are transferred by this order to the department or secretary of commerce or the division or director of workforce development within the department of commerce, the department of labor and the secretary of labor shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties, and functions of the department and secretary of human resources in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this order. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties, and functions by or under the authority of the department of labor or the secretary of labor shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the department of human resources or the secretary of human resources in which such powers, duties, and functions were vested prior to the effective date of this order.

(b) Whenever the department of human resources, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract, or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power, or duty other than those powers, duties, and functions that are transferred to the department of commerce under this order, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the department of labor.

(c) Whenever the secretary of human resources, or words of like effect are referred to or designated by a statute, contract, or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power, or duty other than those powers, duties, and functions that are transferred to the department of commerce under this order, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the secretary of labor.

(d) All rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the secretary of the department of human resources that relate to functions other than those functions transferred by this order and that are in effect on the effective date of this order shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the secretary of labor until revised, amended, revoked, or nullified pursuant to law.

**History:** Executive Reorganization Order No. 31, L. 2004, ch. 191, § 7; July 1.