

**75-5609. Powers, duties and functions of existing division and director of laboratories transferred to new head of office of laboratory services; orders and directives of previous director in effect until revised, amended or repealed.** (a) All of the powers, duties and functions of the existing division of laboratories and the existing director of the division of laboratories are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the head of the office of laboratory services created by this act, except as is herein otherwise provided.

(b) The head of the office of laboratory services created by this act shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the director of the division of laboratories in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act, except as herein otherwise provided. Every act performed under the authority of the head of the office of laboratory services created by this act shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the division of laboratories or the director thereof, respectively, in which division and director such functions were vested prior to the effective date of this act.

(c) Wherever the director of the division of laboratories or the division of laboratories or words of like effect is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the head of the office of laboratory services created by this act.

(d) All orders or directives of the director of the division of laboratories in existence on the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the orders or directives of the head of the office of laboratory services created by this act until revised, amended, repealed or nullified pursuant to law.

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