

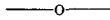
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The Bureau of Control Surveys and Maps was established by the General Assembly of 1939. Inactive during World War II, the agency was reactivated by the State Roads Commission in 1951. This Bureau is under the direction of an advisory board consisting of the Chief Engineer of the State Roads Commission, the Director of the Maryland State Planning Commission, the Director of the Department of Public Improvements, the Director of the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, and the Dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Maryland. The agency coordinates the activities of the various agencies engaged in mapping and surveying in the State, provides information concerning maps of Maryland and maintains a library of State maps (Code 1939, Art. 91, secs. 38, 39; Acts 1951, Ch. 284). The funds for the operation of the Bureau are provided in the budget of the State Roads Commission.



DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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The office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established in 1910. The Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of four years, serves as the director of the Department. The Department of Motor Vehicles is responsible for the issuance of drivers' licenses and for the titling, registration and licensing of all motor vehicles operating continuously within the State.

The Department examines all persons seeking drivers' licenses in the State, the examination includes a road test and a knowledge of the motor vehicle laws of the State. These examinations are conducted in Baltimore City and in eighteen other cities and towns throughout the State. All motor vehicles registered in the State must have issued for them a certificate of title. There is levied an excise tax of two percent of the fair value of the vehicle for each original title registration and each subsequent transfer of title. The tax is collected by the Department. All commercial vehicles operating within the State of Maryland must carry financial responsibility insurance with an insurance firm licensed to do business within the State. All policies carried must be registered with the Department which issues a permit for operation in the State. All persons involved in motor vehicle accidents within the State and who are unable to satisfy a judgment arising therefrom must present to the Department adequate evidence of financial responsibility before their operator's license can be restored. The Department maintains a file on all accidents occurring within the State, reports of which are required to be submitted by the terms of the law, and in addition a record of each individual owner who has been found guilty of a traffic violation.