

The Commission on the Aging, originally known as the State Coordinating Commission on the Problems of the Aging, was created by Chapter 1, Acts of 1959, in response to problems created by the rapidly increasing population of older persons. It adopted its present name by Chapter 595, Acts of 1971. The Commission consists of seventeen members, of whom eleven are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services for staggered six-year terms. Of these eleven, one must be a member of the Maryland State Senate, and one, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. One must represent the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, and one the Baltimore City Medical Society. In addition, one must represent labor, one must represent industry, one must be especially knowledgeable in research, one must be associated with the work of charitable organizations, and three must be selected because of their interest in the problems of the aging. The remaining six members must be, ex officio, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Director of the Social Services Administration, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Director of the Employment Security Administration, the Secretary of State Planning, and the Secretary of Employment and Social Services. The Governor designates the Chairman. Members are eligible for re-appointment. The Commission appoints the Executive Director.

The Commission is responsible for promoting the welfare of older persons in every possible manner. It is the single organizational unit within the Department of Employment and Social Services designated to carry out the planning, coordination, and evaluation of programs and activities related to the purposes of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended. The Commission also has the responsibility for research, special studies, selected data gathering, and the dissemination of information. It further reviews and evaluates programs and services, coordinates and cooperates with all other units and agencies conducting programs for the elderly, engages in training activities for community leadership and service projects staff; provides consultative and technical assistance to other state and local public and private agencies in the State, and encourages citizen participation in volunteer and advisory committee activities. The Commission reports to the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, the Governor and the General Assembly (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 70B).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds .....	\$ 55,930	\$ 36,500
Federal Funds .....	75,000	75,000
Total .....	\$130,930	\$111,500

Staff: 6 full-time, 1 part-time.

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The Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity was created by proclamation of Governor J. Millard Tawes on October 15, 1964, and made a part of the State Government by Chapter 306, Acts of 1965.

The Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity was established for the purpose of administering in the State of Maryland, the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (PL 88-452), of creating and participating in various areas and types of youth and work training programs; urban and rural community action programs; special programs