

OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION

Federal Co-Chairperson: Robert W. Scott

States' Regional Representative: Leonard E. Schwartz

Executive Director: Henry Krcvor

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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Commission membership, in addition, includes a regional representative selected by the majority of the thirteen Appalachian states (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the thirteen State Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a Federal Co-Chairperson appointed by the President and one member from each participating state who must be the Governor or his alternate. A State Co-Chairperson is elected annually by the Governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools, and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber, and water resources; the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act provides authority for the Appalachian Regional Developmental Highway System, a network of 2,700 miles of development highways and 1,600 miles of access roads. The Maryland portion of the highway system consists of 79.8 miles. Non-highway funds authorized for the 1978 Fiscal Year amounted to \$113,000,000.

The Commission is not an operating agency. Its major function is the planning and coordination of programs and projects to be carried out under the Act by the appropriate federal and State departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects that are submitted to it by State members. Its

decisions require the affirmative vote of the Federal Co-Chairperson and of a majority of State members (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13).

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY (MIDFA)

Chairperson: Nicholas F. Mueller, 1980

Vice-Chairperson: L. S. Mailman, 1981

Ex officio members: vacancy, *Secretary of Economic and Community Development*; William S. James, *State Treasurer*

Appointed members: Carl M. Freeman, 1979; Austin E. Penn, 1982; James C. Johnson, 1983

Oliver H. Fulton, *Executive Director and Secretary*

John G. Fitzpatrick, *Associate Director and Assistant Secretary*

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The Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority was created by Chapter 714, Acts of 1965. The Authority consists of five members appointed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development with the approval of the Governor, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development or his designee, and either the State Treasurer or Comptroller of the Treasury (as chosen by the Governor), the latter two serving as ex officio members. The Authority elects its own officers and appoints the Executive Director, who also serves as the Secretary.

MIDFA encourages economic growth within the State by approving and insuring industrial mortgage loans meeting certain conditions. This provides Maryland counties and municipalities with a financing tool to make them competitive with surrounding states in attracting new industry without direct subsidy or pledge of faith or credit by either the State or local government, except to the extent that the State has provided a reserve fund of approximately \$17,000,000 to support MIDFA insurance of loans. The fund (called the Industrial Project Mortgage Insurance Fund) is comprised of the proceeds of bonds issued by the State together with insurance premiums and other income.