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COMMISSION TO REVISE THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

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The Governor appointed this Commission in 1970 to undertake the first reorganization and recodification of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* in more than 100 years. The Commission studies and revises the Public General Laws of Maryland in order to improve the organization, accessibility, utility, and clarity of laws, and to eliminate unconstitutional, obsolete, and inconsistent or conflicting statutes. The Commission periodically submits proposals and recommendations to the General Assembly. To date, the General Assembly has enacted the following revised articles proposed by the Commission: Agriculture, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Education, Estates and Trusts, Financial Institutions, Health-Environmental, Health-General, Health-Occupations, Natural Resources, Real Property, and Transportation. The Family Law Article will be introduced into the 1983 Session of the General Assembly.

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The Department of Fiscal Services was established by Chapter 456, Acts of 1968, succeeding the Fiscal Research Bureau created by Chapter 605, Acts of 1947. It is the financial service arm of the General Assembly and operates under the policies and directives of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates, the Legislative Policy Committee, and the Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The Department provides staff services to the fiscal committees of the Legislature and to any commissions or committees that the General Assembly or the Legislative Policy Committee may appoint to study taxation or related questions.

The Department's duties also include the study and review of the State's operating and capital budgets during all phases of their development by the Executive and adoption by the Legislature, including an annual analysis submitted to the General Assembly; the preparation of fiscal notes on all proposed legislation and an annual report on the fiscal impact of each legislative session; an annual analysis of the State's bonded indebtedness; the study of the operation, administration, and effectiveness of State agencies and institutions; the study of State and local financial matters and fiscal interrelationships; the collection of financial data on the State's local governments and the publication of an annual report on local governmental finances; and the preparation of evaluation reports required under the Regulatory Programs Evaluation Act of 1978.