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The Maryland Insurance Administration originated in 1872 as the Insurance Department under the Comptroller of the Treasury (Chapter 388, Acts of 1872). Renamed the State Insurance Department, it became an independent agency in 1878 (Chapter 106, Acts of 1878). In 1970, as the Insurance Division, it was placed within the Department of Licensing and Regulation (Chapter 402, Acts of 1970). Reorganized as the Maryland Insurance Administration, it became an independent agency again in 1993 (Chapter 538, Acts of 1993).

The Administration is directed by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner who ensures that all State laws governing insurance companies or relating to the business of insurance are faithfully executed. The Commissioner authorizes and licenses insurance companies, agents, brokers, approved attorneys, and advisors for fire, casualty, life, accident, health, title and other insurance and annuities. The Commissioner also approves all insurance policies offered for sale in Maryland by authorized companies, authorizes rating bureaus and advisory organizations, and approves or rejects the rates for most lines of insurance.

Periodically, the Administration examines all companies organized under the laws of Maryland and scrutinizes nonresident companies doing business in the State. The Administration also investigates and resolves consumer complaints and questions concerning insurance companies operating in the State (Code 1957, Art. 48A, secs. 14-16).

The Administration is organized into five sections: Executive Direction; Professional and Consumer Services; Examination and Auditing; Life and Health; and Property and Casualty.

The Maryland Insurance Commissioner is appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code 1957, Art. 48A).

**JUDICIAL COMPENSATION
COMMISSION**

Bruce A. Kaufman, Esq., *Chairperson*, 1997

Appointed by Governor: Elizabeth S. Morrison, 1994; John Paterakis, 1995; Benjamin Rosenberg, 1995; Charles R. Jenkins, Sr., 1996; Alice G. Pinderhughes, Esq., 1998; Uthman Ray, M.D., 1998.

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Formed in 1980, the Judicial Compensation Commission makes recommendations on judicial compensation to attract highly qualified persons to the bench and enable judges to serve without economic hardship (Chapter 717, Acts of 1980). Every two years, the Commission reviews judicial salaries and pensions and must submit its recommendations at least every four years to the Governor and General Assembly.

The Commission's salary recommendations are introduced as a joint resolution in each house of the General Assembly by the fifteenth day of the session. While the General Assembly may not increase recommended salaries, it may decrease them. If it fails to adopt or amend the joint resolution within fifty days after its introduction, the salaries recommended by the Commission do apply. Commission recommendations with respect to pensions are introduced in the form of legislation by the Senate President and the House Speaker and become effective only if passed by both houses.

The Governor appoints the Commission's seven members to six-year terms. No more than three members may be individuals admitted to practice law in the State. In nominating and appointing members, special consideration is given to persons knowledgeable in compensation practices and financial matters. Two members are nominated by the Senate President, two by the House Speaker, and one by the Maryland State Bar Association. Two members are appointed at large. Members serve without compensation (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 1-708).

**JUVENILE PROBATIONARY
SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**

Harry J. Schafer, Jr., *Director*, 1994

Assistant Directors (appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent): George E. Burton, Sr.; Joseph B. Jason; Richard J. Knauer; Vincent P. Rosso, Sr.; John C. Turrall. *Terms expire 1994.*

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The Juvenile Probationary School of Baltimore County was created in 1966 (Chapter 719, Acts of 1966). It was established for minors (under twenty-one years of age) who are placed on probation before judgment in connection with any charge for violation of State motor vehicle law or State or local criminal law over which the District Courts have jurisdiction. Minors are referred to the School by the District Court or other judicial officers of Baltimore County.

The School provides courses in driver safety; civic responsibility; the United States and its heritage; and present and future ramifications of violat-