

OFFICE ON AGING

WHEREAS, The problems of the aged in Maryland is a critical area of concern to the State; and

WHEREAS, The State, through its several departments and agencies, has assumed responsibility for providing various essential services to the aged; and

WHEREAS, In order to promote greater efficiency, there exists a need for a single office on aging to assess and evaluate the programs of these departments and agencies, to develop methods and procedures for coordinating existing programs and services for the aged, and to serve as liaison among the departments and agencies of the State, the Commission on Aging, and the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. The office on Aging is created as part of the Executive Department of State Government. The Office shall have assistants, consultants, and employees as provided in the State budget. The head of the Office is the Director on Aging, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and be directly responsible to him. The Director shall be responsible for the operation of the Office and shall establish guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Office. He shall receive the salary provided in the State budget.
2. The Commission on Aging is continued. In addition to the powers and duties assigned to the Commission by law, the Commission shall counsel and advise the Director on all matters assigned to the Office.
3. The Office on Aging is the principal State agency responsible for the development of services for the aged. For these purposes, the Office shall:
  - (a) Recommend policies and priorities with