

labor and industry and the medical institutions to undertake an on-going examination of toxic and carcinogenic substances control as they relate to the welfare of Marylanders.

The organization of the Council perhaps best describes its activities. Subcommittees that have been appointed and are now undertaking studies include: Long-range Planning; Toxic Episodes; Communications; Economic Impact; Data Collection; Human and Environmental Health Effects and Data Collection.

Membership is broad-based and for example includes: representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Department of Natural Resources; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Licensing and Regulation; the Department of Transportation; the Department of State Planning; the State Fire Marshal; the Maryland State Police; the Maryland Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness Agency; the AFL-CIO; the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; the Department of Community and Economic Development; the Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland medical institutions; and the General Assembly.

To date, portions of grant applications have been submitted to the National Cancer Institute for money to fund a Community Cancer Control Program in the Baltimore metropolitan area, and a brochure has been produced for use by police and fire emergency dispatchers listing in one place all emergency personnel to be notified in case of certain specific toxic occurrences.

The visibility of the Council and its effectiveness in dealing with similar organizations in other states and on the national level will be enhanced if it is recognized by the General Assembly as the organization best able to advise the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene concerning all aspects of dealing with toxic and carcinogenic substances; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

COUNCIL ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

813A.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COUNCIL ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES.

(C) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.