

STATEMENT FOR CAPSULE HISTORY OF
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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The history of Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicles, as described in the foregoing pages, indicates the prominent role of leadership this agency has initiated throughout the years in attempting to provide protection for the property as well as the lives of our citizens on the highways.

In its progressive development of the point system for traffic violators, the Driver Rehabilitation Clinics, the thousands of personal interviews conducted with all types of drivers and its titling and registration procedures introduced to protect people and property, the Department of Motor Vehicles has documented an impressive record of service to the motoring public.

While the Department's history is logged with installations of significant traffic safety programs, the horizon for the future in advanced technology and administrative methodology is even more dramatic.

As a nation on wheels, we are fast moving into an era requiring improved and expanded safety controls, including periodic motor vehicle inspection, periodic re-examination of all drivers and separate driver license classifications. The Department's leadership and cooperation will be required as this new era unfolds and as Maryland comes into full conformity with the Federal Highway Safety Standards.

This capsule history of Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicles delineates a graphic portrayal of its leadership among the nation's motor vehicle administrators. Maryland's third Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Colonel Austin E. Baughman, helped found the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and became its first president. And again last year, when this State's present Commissioner John R. Jewell was elected AAMVA's 35th president, Maryland became the first State to supply two presidents to this international conclave.

In the future as in the past, Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicles will continue to espouse methods and procedures of administration developed around the most advanced criteria for protection of the lives and property of the motoring public.