

of the Department, who also serves as chairman, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City, and six members appointed by the Governor to serve for terms of six years.

The Department of Health serves the State through twenty-three sanitary districts organized along county lines. Each county health department is in charge of a health officer who serves as the Deputy State Health Officer for his district. For regulatory purposes the Montgomery County Council and the Board of County Commissioners in each of the other counties serves ex-officio as the county board of health (Code 1939, 1947 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 6-10, 45-50, 52; Acts 1949, Ch. 89).

The General Assembly of 1951 abolished each of the Bureaus of the Department which had thereto-fore been established by law, and vested in the State Board of Health broad and inclusive powers over health and hygiene matters of the State. These functions and responsibilities include: collection, study and publication of communicable disease data; laboratory analysis of water, sewage, trade wastes, milk products, food, drugs, and other materials that may be responsible for the transmission of infectious diseases; examination and supervision of public and private water supply, sewage disposal, ventilation, heat and lighting in public institutions and control of nuisances; registration, tabulation and publication of vital statistics (including birth, death and marriage records); study of the causes of death and illness among mothers and young children and provisions of services for mothers and children; administration of a medical care program for indigent and medically indigent residents of Maryland's counties; operation of the hospitals placed under the Board's jurisdiction; investigation of complaints made by physicians or affected citizens; licensing of midwives; laboratory testing of food and drug specimens to assure compliance with laws prohibiting adulteration and misbranding and prosecution of violators (Acts 1951, Ch. 75).

To carry out these duties the Board of Health established within the Department seven bureaus, as follows: Office of the Deputy Director, including Divisions of Local Health Services, Vital Records and Statistics, Public Health Nursing, and Communicable Disease Control; Bureau of Laboratories; Bureau of Preventative Medicine, including Divisions of Maternal and Child Health, Crippled Children and Heart Disease Control, Dental Health, Venereal Disease Control, and Mental Hygiene; Bureau of Tuberculosis; Bureau of Medical Services and Hospitals, including Divisions of Home Medical Care, Hospital Services and Cancer Control; Bureau of Environmental Hygiene, including Divisions of Sanitary Engineering, Industrial Health and Air Pollution, Food Control, Drug Control, and Bedding and Upholstery; and a Bureau of Management. The Executive Office consists of an advisor, a Consultant in Public Health Administration, a Public Relations Assistant and Administrative Assistant.

	Expenditures*	Appropriations*
	1950	1951
General funds	4,874,404 37	\$5,426,752 00
Special funds	259,892.99	28,227.00
County funds		147,844.00
Federal aid	1,191,851.89	2,068,933.00
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	\$6,326,149.25	\$7,671,756.00

* Expenditures and appropriations include funds for tuberculosis and chronic disease hospitals.