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The General Assembly created the Department of Economic Development and the Economic Development Commission by Chapter 185, Acts of 1959 "for the general purpose of advancing the economic welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop . . . the State's natural resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, mining, forestry, transportation, travel, tourism, and recreation, and to promote and encourage the location of new industries and businesses in the State . . . and . . . the retention and expansion of present enterprises . . . and to foster and develop gainful employment . . ." for residents of the State.

The new department superseded the former Department of Information, established in 1948 as a division of the Hall of Records, and established as a separate agency by Chapter 665, Acts of 1949.

The Commission consists of twelve members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members serve for six years and have overlapping tenure of office. Two represent the Eastern Shore; two, Central Maryland; two, Southern Maryland; two, Western Maryland; two, Baltimore City; and two, the State at large. Members serve without compensation and may be reappointed. The chairman is chosen by the Governor and serves at his pleasure. The Commission selects and the Governor appoints the Director of the Department.

The Department assembles and disseminates information in the interest of economic, industrial, and tourist development; conducts studies to determine areas of special economic opportunity for the State and ways of exploiting such opportunities for the maximum benefit of the State and its residents; enters into contracts; and is empowered to utilize all existing State agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions as sources of information, except in such cases as are provided by law to be confidential and secret.

The programs of the Department are carried out through its three Divisions:

The Business and Industrial Development Division promotes and publicizes Maryland's advantages and opportunities for the location of new business and industries and the expansion of existing enterprises, and works with prospects and communities toward these ends. It initiates and maintains contacts with business and industrial prospects, answers their requests for information, and informs them about all Maryland locations which might meet their requirements. It assists, encourages, and cooperates with community, regional, and area development efforts, both public and private, including working with community groups in