

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds .....	\$127,248	\$151,137
Staff: 15.		

**STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

- Newton I. Steers, Jr., Insurance Commissioner, 1971
- David Fentress, Deputy Commissioner
- Alan T. Fell, Chief, Administrative Bureau
- Sidney A. Green, Chief, Life-Health Bureau
- Lewis W. O'Brien, Chief, Examination and Property Bureau
- Murray J. Josephson, Assistant Attorney General
- Ernest J. Meredith, Chief Examiner
- Fillmore E. Dryden, Jr., Chief, Agents' Licenses and Education
- Harry H. Griffith, Controller
- John D. Hunter, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

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The State Insurance Department was first created by Chapter 388, Acts of 1872, as a part of the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. The Department became an independent agency by Chapter 106, Acts of 1878. It is under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., Art. 48A, sec. 15).

The Commissioner sees that all the laws of the State governing insurance companies or relating to the business of insurance are faithfully executed.

The Commissioner authorizes and licenses insurance companies, agents, and brokers to do business in the State. The Department examines all applicants for licenses as agents for fire and casualty lines, life and accident and health insurance and variable annuities as well. It conducts periodic examinations of all companies organized under the laws of Maryland and from time to time participates in the examination of nonresident companies doing business in the State. The Commissioner approves all policies for life, accident and health insurance offered for sale in the State by authorized companies; licenses rating bureaus and advisory organizations; and approves or disapproves the rates for most classes of property and casualty insurance filed by rating bureaus on behalf of their members and subscribers.

The Insurance Commissioner also publishes an annual report (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., Art. 48A, sec. 23).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds .....	\$892,046	\$968,115
Staff: 94.		

**ADMINISTRATOR OF LOAN LAWS**

- F. Vernon Boozer, Administrator, 1971
- John W. Dallam, Deputy Administrator
- Henry W. Forster, Chief Supervisor

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The office of Administrator of Loan Laws was established as an independent agency by Chapter 289, Acts of 1941, superseding a similar office established under the jurisdiction of the Bank Commissioner (Chapter 741, Acts of 1939). The Administrator is appointed