

Belgium. The former concentrates on stimulating Maryland businesses toward increased export and import activity, providing information and technical assistance towards that end. The latter promotes and publicizes Maryland's economic advantages in the European business, industrial and financial community, and represents the Division in contacting and furnishing information to European businessmen considering new economic activities such as factories, distribution centers, sales offices, joint ventures, etc., in the United States.

The Division's Directories Section compiles and publishes the Directory of Maryland Manufacturers (biennial, odd years), the Maryland Directory of Science Resources (biennial, even years), and the Directory of Maryland Exporters and Importers.

In conjunction with the Department's Research Division, the Division also designs studies to determine fields of special economic opportunity for the State. It then promotes and disseminates the resultant "Opportunity Studies" among appropriate business and industrial executives (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 258-266).

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Maryland Representatives

Marvin Mandel, Governor
William A. Pate, State Member
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Officers of the Commission

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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. In addition, the thirteen Appalachian states have a regional representative selected by the majority of the thirteen states (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the 13-State Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a Federal Co-Chairman appointed by the President and one member from each participating state, who may be the Governor or his designee. A State Co-Chairman is elected semi-annually by the Governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber and water resources, the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act provides contract authority through Fiscal Year 1978 of \$2,090,000,000 for the Appalachian Regional Developmental Highway System, which is for the construction of 2,700 miles of development highways and 1,600 miles