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The Wholesome Meat Advisory Council was established pursuant to the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act (Chapter 618, Acts of 1968). It was originally created for a period of three years to provide broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to meat inspection in the State but its existence was extended indefinitely by Chapter 66, Acts of 1971. All members

are appointed by the Governor from representatives of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, the Maryland Frozen Food Locker Association, Inc, and four from the slaughtering and processing industry. One ex officio member is designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Council advises the Secretary in adopting rules and regulations relating to meat inspection and the establishment of protection standards (Agriculture Art., sec. 4-105).