

Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1971 created an Inmate Grievance Commission within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The five members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for terms of four years. Of the five members not less than two can be lawyers qualified to practice law in the State of Maryland and not less than two can be persons of knowledge and experience in one or more of the fields under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the advice of the Commission and with the approval of the Governor, appoints the Executive Director who serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

Any person confined to an institution within the Division of Correction, or otherwise in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, or confined to the Patuxent Institution, who has any grievance or complaint against any officials or employees of the Division of Correction or Patuxent Institution may submit such grievance or complaint to the Inmate Grievance Commission for adjudication (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 204F).

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DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION

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The Division of Parole and Probation was originally created by Chapter 406, Acts of 1939 to administer the parole and probation laws of the State of Maryland. By Chapter 653, Acts of 1953, the Division changed its name to the Department of Parole and Probation. The Division was

further reorganized by Chapter 457, Acts of 1968, when by the creation of a Division of Parole and Probation separate and apart from the Board of Parole. Heretofore, the Director of the Division of Parole and Probation was also the Chairman of the Board of Parole. The Division adopted its present name by Chapter 401, Acts of 1970. The Division administers the parole and probation laws of the State and became an agency of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on July 1, 1970.

The head of the Division of Parole and Probation is the Director of Parole and Probation. He is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and serves an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Secretary.

The Division supervises the conduct of parolees, and regularly informs the Parole Commission of their activities. The Division recommends, at its discretion, that the Commission issue warrants for the retaking of parolees and issues warrants for the retaking of parolees charged with a violation of parole, upon the delegation of this power to the Director. The Division also makes such investigation as may enable the Parole Commission to determine the advisability of granting paroles to persons sentenced under the laws of Maryland whenever such prisoner shall have served in confinement one-fourth of such term or consecutive terms. The Division also supplies the judges of the Circuit Court of any county, the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, and the District Courts of the State, with pre-sentence reports or other investigations which may include commitment for two or more years when requested by any court. The Division, upon request of the courts, may supervise the conduct of persons placed on probation or suspension of sentence and ascertains and reports to the courts whether or not the conditions of such probation or suspension of sentence are being satisfactorily complied with. The Division also performs other probationary services the court may request (Code 1957, 1976 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 129-131).