## **DIVISION OF STATE DOCUMENTS**

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The primary duties of the Division are to print and distribute two official State publications: (1) the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), the permanent compilation of all of Maryland's administrative regulations and executive orders, and (2) the Maryland Register, a bi-weekly publication that serves as a temporary supplement to COMAR.

The Register prints all proposed, adopted, and emergency regulations of the State's administrative agencies, notices of public hearings and meetings, synopses of opinions of the Attorney General, proposed and adopted rules of court, hearing calendars of the Courts of Appeal, synopses of all

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