

Chapter 563, Acts of 1949, as the Maryland Civil Defense Agency. By Chapter 401, Acts of 1970, it was designated the Maryland Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency. It acquired its present name by Chapter 666, Acts of 1975. The Director is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor and is responsible to the Governor and the Secretary for carrying out the program in Maryland.

The Agency prepares for, and in the event of enemy attack or major natural disasters, coordinates the emergency functions of State agencies and political subdivisions to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from such disasters. The Agency assists the county and Baltimore City Civil Defense organizations in the implementation of the National Civil Defense program. It is the agency of State government that aids the political subdivisions of Maryland in the procurement of supplies and equipment for civil defense purposes under the federal matching funds and excess property programs. It also manages the program for federal contributions to the administrative and personnel expenses of the State and local governments for civil defense. The Director is responsible to the Governor for the coordination of the State's disaster relief operations in the event of the declaration of a "major disaster" within Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 16A, secs. 1-32).

The Agency gathers and tabulates information concerning expenditures for the alleviation of disaster conditions throughout the State for the Governor's use in determining eligibility for federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288.

Working with the Federal Administrator of General Services, the Agency is responsible for coordination of all State agencies, political subdivisions, and representatives of the private sector in planning for mobilization and management of resources and production in the event of enemy attack or other major national emergencies.

The Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor, and its members serve without compensation. The Council advises the Governor, the Secretary, and the Director in civil defense and disaster preparedness matters.

The Emergency Resources Priorities Board is composed of heads of State departments, serving ex officio, augmented by leaders of business and industry appointed by the Governor and serving without compensation. The Board advises the

Governor and the Director in planning for emergency mobilization and management of resources.

The Agency has prepared, had approved by the Governor, and maintains in current status three plans for accomplishment of its missions: the Maryland Emergency Operations Plan, the Maryland Plan for Emergency Management of Resources, and the Maryland Disaster Assistance Plan.

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Prior to 1916, the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction were autonomous institutions operating under the jurisdiction of a separate Board of Directors and a Board of Managers appointed by the Governor. By Chapter 556, Acts of 1916, these institutions were administered by the State Board of Prison Control. By Chapter 29, Acts of 1922, the Board of Welfare superseded the Board of Prison Control and administered the prisons. By Chapter 69, Acts of 1939, the Department of Correction and the Board of Correction assumed all rights, powers, and duties that had formerly been vested in the Board of Welfare.

By Chapter 758, Acts of 1953, the Superintendent of Prisons became the administrator of the Department. The Board of Correction established departmental policies and appointed the executive personnel of the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department on recommendations made by the Superintendent of Prisons (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 667, 669-71, 675, 677). The 1962 General Assembly repealed Article 27, Sections 667-710, of the 1957 Code and 1961 Supplement and enacted new Sections 667 to 704, inclusive, to revise and change the laws governing the administration of the Department of Correction. Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1962 established the Advisory Board and created the office of Commissioner of Correction. Chapter 137, Acts of 1968, repealed and reenacted Section 667 of Article 27, changing the name of the Department from the Department of Correction to the Department of Correctional Services.

Chapter 401, Acts of 1970, effective July 1, 1970, incorporated all of the State's correctional