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The Department of Human Resources was created in 1970 as the Department of Employment and Social Services (Chapter 96, Acts of 1970). It adopted its present name in 1975 (Chapter 382, Acts of 1975).

The oldest functions of the Department involve public assistance and employment services, including unemployment compensation. While county relief efforts date back to colonial times, the State did not assume public assistance responsibilities until this century. The Department's responsibilities for public assistance originated with the Board of State Aid and Charities in 1900 (Chapter 679, Acts of 1900). This board was superseded by the Department of Public Welfare in 1939 (Chapter 99, Acts of 1939). In 1968 the Department was renamed the Department of Social Services (Chapter 702, Acts of 1968). The Department of Human Resources' responsibilities in the area of employment stem from the Depression, when the first public employment offices in Maryland were established as a result of federal law. In 1936 the State authorized an Unemployment Compensation Board. During World War II, from January 1942 to November 1946, the Maryland State Employment Service was loaned to the federal government and operated by the War Manpower Commission. In 1946 the Service was returned to State control. Along with the Unemployment Compensation Board, the Service was put under the Department of Employment Security in 1947. That Department in 1970 was renamed as the present Employment Security Administration. By Chapter 96, Acts of 1970, the Department of Employment and Social Services was formed. The Department adopted its present name in 1975 (Chapter 382, Acts of 1975).

The Department of Human Resources consists of the following component agencies: the Employment Security Administration, the Social Services Administration, the Income Maintenance Administration, and the Community Programs Administration.

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The Employment Security Administration administers the Unemployment Insurance Program, the Employment Service, and the Work Incentive Program for Maryland. The Agency is headed by an Executive Director appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources and serves at his pleasure. Originally established by Chapter 314, Acts of 1937, the Administration adopted its present name by Chapter 96, Acts of 1970 (Code 1957, Art. 95A, and Art. 41, sec. 205F).

The programs of the Employment Security Administration must be administered in accordance with the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Social Security Act, and regulations promulgated by the U. S. Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services. All the administrative costs of the Unemployment Insurance and Employment