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The Department of Licensing and Regulation, created in 1970, consolidated over thirty State agencies and boards responsible for licensing and regulating businesses, professions, and trades. The oldest of these date back to the late nineteenth century, such as the Insurance Department (1872), the Bureau of Statistics and Information (1884), the State Board of Examining Engineers (1892), the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (1894), and the State Board of Law Examiners (1898). In 1951 the Central License Office was authorized to house five boards (Chapter 280, Acts of 1951). The Office was abolished when the Department was created in 1970 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1970). The Department supervises many of the State's licensing and regulatory boards.

The Department is organized into five Divisions. The Insurance Division supervises all aspects of insurance services that are used by Maryland residents. The Division of Financial Regulation controls the operation of banks, savings and loans, credit unions, consumer loan companies, sales finance companies, mortgage companies, and collection agencies.

Protection for workers is provided by the Division of Labor and Industry, which establishes safety standards and promotes harmony among employers and their employees. This Division also protects public safety through the inspection of railroads, boilers, elevators, and amusement rides.

The Division of Sports and Recreation regulates boxing and wrestling matches, and horse racing to maintain quality in these recreational pursuits of Maryland's citizens. Standards of performance for other businesses are enforced by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. This Division supervises a variety of specialized occupations including accountants, architects, engineers, cosmetologists, barbers, home improvement contractors, and real estate brokers.

The Office of the Secretary in the Department assists the operation of the five Divisions by performing services such as complaint adjudication, fiscal accountability, personnel management, data processing, management analysis, printing, and legal assistance (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 221-221E).

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The State Insurance Division was first created in 1872, as a part of the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury (Chapter 388, Acts of 1872). The Division became an independent agency by Chapter 106, Acts of 1878. It is under the direction of