

transportation facilities and services in Maryland and to plan for and provide new facilities and services.

Rail Freight Services: The Administration funds the rehabilitation of freight lines, subsidizes their operations, and purchases rail lines when authorized by the General Assembly. It works closely with other state agencies, local governments, and railroad transportation providers and users to enhance the role of railroads in economic and industrial development throughout the State. In addition, it monitors and reviews proposals for railroad freight service changes or abandonments that would affect local communities and shippers.

Rail Passenger Services: The Administration administers operating subsidies for commuter trains, renovates stations, and parking areas, and coordinates plans for improvements to railroad lines and services in the Baltimore region.

Periodically, the Administration issues the *State Rail Plan*, a comprehensive summary of its activities and objectives. A limited number of copies are available.

Brochures of commuter service fares and schedules may be obtained by calling 1-800-325-RAIL.

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

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The Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established by Chapter 207, Acts of 1910. The Office became the Department of Motor Vehicles by Chapter 1007, Acts of 1943. By Chapter 526, Acts of 1970, the Department was placed within the Department of Transportation and renamed the Motor Vehicle Administration (Code Transportation Article, secs. 12-101 through 12-209).

Welcome to Maryland, a pamphlet containing information designed to aid new Maryland residents in obtaining a driver's license and vehicle registration, is available free of charge from MVA's Public Information Office (768-7386).

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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The Division of Consumer Services licenses motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, wreckers and scrap processors, professional driving schools, and title service agents. With its licensing and investigation powers, the Division ensures that dealers and others in the automotive business honor their agreements and warranties. Consumer complaints are handled by the Division.

DIVISION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND TITLING

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The Division titles and registers all passenger and commercial vehicles in Maryland. It collects the five percent excise tax imposed on vehicles titled in the State and the annual registration fees, and also issues registration tags.

DIVISION OF DRIVER EXAMINATION AND LICENSING

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The Division of Driver Examination and Licensing is responsible for conducting examinations of all new drivers and renewing motor vehicle operators' licenses.

Examinations include testing of the applicant's visual acuity, knowledge of motor vehicle laws, and ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

Maryland licenses are now classified according to the type of vehicle the driver will operate. The five classes of licenses are Class A—Required to operate tractor-trailers; Class B—Required to operate trucks over 20,000 pounds gross weight; Class C—Required to operate buses; Class D—Required to operate automobiles, station wagons, and trucks up to 20,000 pounds gross weight; and Class E—Required to operate motorcycles. Provided the licensee meets age requirements, any class license will authorize the licensee to operate vehicles in that particular class, except in class E.

Examinations are conducted at the Glen Burnie Headquarters and at regional offices in Baltimore City, Chesapeake City, Cumberland, Forestville, Easton, Gaithersburg, Hagerstown, Largo, Salisbury, and Waldorf. Examining and licensing teams also conduct driver examinations at fourteen other locations throughout the State.

The Division also ensures that each school bus is inspected for safety three times a year.