

526, Acts of 1970). At that time, most Commission duties were assumed by the State Highway Administration, and the Director of Highways' title became State Highway Administrator (Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-812). The State Roads Commission, by condemnation proceedings, acquires property needed for highway purposes.

The Commission consists of eight members appointed to four-year terms by the Secretary of Transportation with the approval of the Governor. Seven members are referred to as Regional Commissioners. One is appointed from the Eastern Shore; one from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, or St. Mary's County; one from Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, or Washington County; one from Montgomery County; one from Prince George's County; one from Baltimore, Harford, or Howard County; and one from Baltimore City. These members serve part time. At least two regional members must belong to whichever of the two leading political parties in the State is not the party of the Governor. The chairperson, who is also the State Highway Administrator, is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the approval of the Governor (Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-210 through 8-218).

## MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION

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The Maryland Port Administration was created in 1971 as a part of the Department of Transportation. By Chapter 526, Acts of 1970, the Administration succeeded the Maryland Port Authority, which was established by Chapter 2, Acts of the Special Session of 1956.

The Administration endeavors to promote and increase waterborne commerce in Maryland. It seeks to improve facilities and strengthen the workings of the private operator. If private facilities are inadequate, the Authority is empowered to construct and, if necessary, operate supplementary public facilities (Code Transportation Article, secs. 6-101 through 6-502). By Chapter 280, Acts of 1979, the operation of the port of Cambridge came under the control of the Administration.

The Administration operates field offices in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Brussels, London, Tokyo, and Hong Kong.

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## Defunct Departmental Agencies

### PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY BOARD

Abolished by Chapter 284, Acts of 1984. The Board formerly advised the Maryland Port Administration.