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The State Permit Coordinating Council was created by Chapter 221, Acts of 1982. The Council reviews and makes recommendations on problems concerned with the issuance of State, county, or municipal permits. These may include matters of delay, arbitrariness, or unreasonableness.

The Council consists of four ex officio members and twelve members appointed by the Governor from each of the judicial districts of the District Court of Maryland. Appointed members serve four-year terms. The Governor designates the chairperson.

The Council reports to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15 of each year. Authorization for the Council ends on July 1, 1986.

OFFICE OF STATE PROSECUTOR

State Prosecutor: Stephen Montanarelli, 1989

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The Office of the State Prosecutor was established on January 1, 1977, by Constitutional amendment (Chapter 612, Acts of 1976), ratified by the voters in November 1976.

The Office is an independent unit within the Office of the Attorney General. The State Prosecutor is nominated by the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission and appointed by the Governor for a term of six years.

The State Prosecutor may investigate on his own initiative, or at the request of the Governor, the Attorney General, the General Assembly, the State Ethics Commission, or a State's Attorney, the following criminal offenses: 1) State election law violations; 2) State public ethics law violations; 3) State bribery law violations involving public officials or employees; 4) misconduct in office by public officials or employees; 5) extortion, perjury or obstruction of justice related to any of the above.

The State Prosecutor may also, at the request of the Governor, Attorney General, General Assem-

bly, or a State's Attorney, investigate criminal activity conducted partly in Maryland and partly in another jurisdiction, or in more than one political subdivision of the State.

If the State Prosecutor finds that an alleged violation of the criminal law set forth above has occurred, he shall make a confidential report of his findings with recommendations for prosecution to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney having jurisdiction to prosecute the matter. However, he need not make such a report to the State's Attorney if his findings and recommendations contain allegations of offenses committed by the State's Attorney. If the State's Attorney to whom the report is rendered fails to file charges in accordance with the State Prosecutor's recommendations within 45 days of receipt of such recommendations, the State Prosecutor may prosecute such offenses. The State Prosecutor may immediately prosecute offenses set forth in his report and recommendations, if they are alleged to have been committed by a State's Attorney.

If the State Prosecutor finds that no violation of the criminal law has occurred, or he does not recommend prosecution, he shall report his findings to the person requesting the investigation. Additionally, the report shall be made available to the public if the subject of the investigation so requests.

In investigating and prosecuting cases in which he is authorized to act, the State Prosecutor has all the powers and duties of a State's Attorney (Code 1957, Art. 10, secs. 33A-33C).

STATE PROSECUTOR SELECTION AND DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Chairperson: Eugene M. Feinblatt, 1988

Morris M. Pallozzi, 1985; Barry Gold, 1985; Thomas E. Hickman, 1987; Barbara Sue Liebman, 1987; Russell T. Baker, Jr., 1984; Stephen H. Sachs, *Attorney General*, ex officio

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The State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission was created in May 1977 pursuant to Chapter 612, Acts of 1976.

Upon notification by the Governor that a vacancy exists or is about to occur in the office of the State Prosecutor, the Commission seeks and reviews applications of proposed nominees for the position. The Commission interviews and evaluates eligible applicants, and selects and nominates to