

ment Insurance Division administered the unemployment insurance law until 1970. In that year, the Department was reorganized as the Department of Employment and Social Services (Chapter 96, Acts of 1970). The new Department's Employment Security Administration carried on administrative duties and in 1975 was renamed the Unemployment Insurance Division of the Department of Human Resources (Chapter 382, Acts of 1975). In 1983, the Division was transferred to the Department of Employment and Training and renamed the Unemployment Insurance Administration. It became part of the Department of Economic and Employment Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

Pursuant to the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, the Office of Unemployment Insurance supervises the Unemployment Insurance Program carried out by local offices (Code 1957, Art. 95A). The Office collects contributions from employers covered by the Law; collects quarterly wage information on covered employees, determines weekly benefits and eligibility in accordance with this wage information, and issues benefit checks to eligible claimants. It reviews benefit payments to determine if any were improperly made, recovers improper payments, and pays benefits to individuals who formerly worked in Maryland but now reside in other states. As provided by reciprocal interstate agreement, the Office also collects Maryland residents' claims against employers in other states.

Using an experience rating system, the Unemployment Insurance Law allows a reduced contribution rate for employers who maintain steady employment. All funds collected under the Law are deposited with the U.S. Treasury for the credit of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund of Maryland and may be used only for the payment of benefits.

#### **BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS SECTION**

James Boyd, *Chief* 333-5308

The Benefits and Special Programs Section determines claimants' eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. The Section administers the taking and processing of claims, adjudication of ineligible claims, and fraud detection and prosecution. The Section also oversees interstate combined wage and federal unemployment benefit programs.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS (TAX) SECTION**

John Hand, *Chief* 333-5317

The Contributions Section establishes employer tax accounts and assigns rates, charges benefits, and collects taxes on each account. The Section also collects all delinquent accounts and maintains the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

#### **LOWER APPEALS SECTION**

William Merriman, *Chief* 333-5040

The Lower Appeals Section determines claimants' eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. Following administrative review, the Section hears cases that have been appealed by claimants and employers.

#### **GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

*Chairperson*: J. Henry Butta, 1990

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): Michael E. Daye; J. Randall Evans; Leo E. Green; Trudy R. Jeffers; Esther Lupton; Ruth Massinga; Joseph F. Mitchell; Marion Pines; Fern V. Piret; Joseph Puhalla; Joseph L. Shilling; Peter P. Thomas, Sr.; James Tschechtelin. *Terms expire 1988.*

Habern W. Freeman, Jr.; John George; Sheila Hixson; Edward R. Lamon; George H. Lechluder; Carl M. Loffler, Jr.; Stanley Mazaroff; Leslie Meil; Freddie L. Mitchell; John A. Murphy; Robert Schleiger; Joshua I. Smith; Carl William Struever. *Terms expire 1989.*

Ronald Bowers; Donald M. Bowman; Richard E. Hug; Laurence Levitan; Lucille Maurer; George V. McGowan; R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.; Dennis F. Rasmussen; Oscar Schulz; William Troxler; Otis Warren. *Terms expire 1990.*

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By Executive Order, the Governor created the Council in March 1983 as Maryland's job training coordinating council under the federal Job Training Partnership Act (P.L. 97-300). Later that year, the Council was established by statute (Chapter 268, Acts of 1983). In 1985, the Governor gave additional responsibilities to the Council and made it a unit within the Executive Department (Executive Order 01.01.1985.14). In 1987, the Council became part of the Department of Economic and Employment Development (Executive Order 01.01.1987.24). The Council helps plan, coordinate, and monitor the State's workforce investment programs and services in accordance with federal law.

The Council consists of thirty-eight members appointed by the Governor for initial terms of from one to three years. The Governor designates the chairperson, who may not be an elected official or an employee of State or local government.