

the Motor Vehicle Administrator, the Board consists of qualified physicians and optometrists who advise the Administrator on medical aspects of driver licensing. Whenever an individual's physical or mental condition may affect driving ability, the Administrator relies on the Board for professional guidance (Code Transportation Article, sec. 16-118).

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION
Valerie Serio, *Director*

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The Division's hearing officers conduct administrative hearings to determine appropriate action to take against errant drivers, business firms, and others who violate State motor vehicle laws. The Division suspends, revokes, and restricts driving privileges on the basis of a driver's refusal to take chemical tests, alcohol-related convictions, and other convictions resulting from motor vehicle law violations. The Division also administers Maryland's participation with forty other states in the Driver License Compact (one license, one record).

VEHICLE SERVICES

Nance Stamboni, *Associate Administrator*
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Vehicle Services supervises three divisions: Vehicle Registration; Vehicle Emissions; and Financial Responsibility.

DIVISION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION
James E. Hose, *Director*

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Glen Burnie, MD 21062 787-2983
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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 license plates. The Division also administers the International Registration Program for interstate truck fee apportionment.

DIVISION OF VEHICLE EMISSIONS
Bruce E. Diehl, *Director*

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The Division was created in 1984 to carry out the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (Code Transportation Article, secs. 23-201 through 23-208). The Program is designed to test 950,000 cars every two years for auto emissions in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. The corridor

includes seven jurisdictions: Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and Baltimore City.

Rules and regulations for emissions inspections are promulgated by both the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Motor Vehicle Administration. Authorization for the Program continues until December 31, 2001.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
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The Financial Responsibility Division administers Maryland's compulsory insurance law to ensure that required insurance is maintained continuously for registered vehicles. Under the compulsory insurance law, all Maryland licensed insurance companies are required to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of terminations or lapses of liability insurance policies that occur within the policy's first six months. The Division, on a random sample basis, verifies the coverage of at least 10 percent of registered vehicle owners. Vehicle tags are suspended for those motorists who fail to present the required evidence of insurance.

The Division receives motor vehicle accident reports from motorists involved in accidents that have resulted in personal injury or property damage in excess of \$100 and that have not been investigated by police authorities. Persons who fail to satisfy judgments arising from uninsured motor vehicle accidents have their driving and registration privileges suspended by the Division.

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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The Mass Transit Administration was created as part of the Department of Transportation in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970). The Administration originated as the Metropolitan Transit Authority, established in 1961 (Chapter 670, Acts of 1961) and reformed in 1969 (Chapter 160, Acts of 1969).

As the public transportation arm of the Department, the Mass Transit Administration operates and maintains the public bus system and is responsible for the development, construction, and operation of the Baltimore Metro (the subway system of Baltimore City) and the planned Central Light Rail Line.