

Commission on the Status of Women. The Governor directed the Commission to review the previous Commission's recommendations on education, employment, and community and civic participation, and to implement those most pertinent. The Commission also cooperated with State and local organizations to identify problems and improve opportunities for women to serve in a variety of fields.

In 1971 the Commission on the Status of Women became part of the Department of Human Resources (Chapter 57, Acts of 1971). The Commission adopted its present name in 1976 (Chapter 119, Acts of 1976).

The Maryland Commission for Women promotes the study and review of the status of women in the State. To strengthen home life, it directs attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers, and employees. The Commission recommends ways to overcome discrimination in public and private employment and encourages women to become candidates for public office. In addition, the Commission promotes ways for women to develop skills, continue education, and secure retraining.

The Governor appoints to the Commission twenty-four members who seek to improve the status of women. Members include both men and women and represent various fields of interest to women of different ages and geographic regions of the State. Members serve four-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 49C, secs. 1-8).

*GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MIGRATORY  
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At the request of the General Assembly, the Governor created the Commission in 1959 as the Governor's Committee for the Regulation and Study of Migratory Labor in Maryland (Joint Resolution no. 9, Acts of 1959). In 1971, the Committee was assigned by Executive Order to the Department of Employment and Social Services and re-assigned in 1976 to the Department of Human Resources. In 1981, the Governor, by Executive Order, reconstituted the Commission under its present name within the Department of Human Resources and expanded its mandate to include seasonal farm workers within the State.

The Commission develops and recommends standards for housing, sanitation, health, and welfare for out-of-state farm laborers who travel, live, and work in Maryland.

Appointed by the Governor, the Commission consists of representatives from State agencies, labor, grower and management organizations, and the general public.

*GOVERNORS COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS*

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As the Commission on the Concerns of Spanish-Speaking People, the Commission originally was appointed by the Governor in 1971. It was renamed the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs in 1978.

The Commission advises the Governor, the General Assembly, and agencies within the Executive Department on matters relating to the Hispanic peoples of Maryland. It works with the Hispanic community, private groups, and agencies of State and local government to serve and represent the State's Hispanic people.

The Commission is comprised of twenty members. Fifteen are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. Five serve ex officio.

*OFFICE OF ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS*

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In 1992, at the request of the General Assembly, the Governor established the Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs to assist and promote the interests of Maryland's Asian-Pacific American community (Chapter 397, Acts of 1991). Asian-Pacific Americans came originally from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China, Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines, U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, or Nepal.

*GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
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The Governor's Advisory Committee on Asian-Pacific American Affairs was created by the Governor in June 1992 (Executive Order 01.01.1992.14). The Committee advises the Governor and the Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs on issues which affect Maryland's Asian-Pacific Americans.

The Committee's fifteen members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms and represent the major population groups of Asian-Pacific Americans residing in the State.

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