

thereof two new sections, said sections to be known as Sections 173 and 174, and to follow immediately after Section 172 of said Article, abolishing the State Publicity Commission and creating the Department of Information and providing for the compensation and expenses of said Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 173 and 174 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor — Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "State Publicity Commission", be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That two new sections are hereby added to the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor — Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of Information", said new sections to be known as Sections 173 and 174, to follow immediately after Section 172 of said Article, and to read as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION

173. There is hereby created a Department to be known as the Department of Information of the State of Maryland. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person who shall be known as the Director of said Department, whose duties it shall be to carry out the objectives and purposes provided herein. The Director of said Department is authorized to employ, within the limitations prescribed in the budget and with the consent of the Governor, such other person or persons as may be necessary to perform the duties of said Department.

174. (a) It shall be the duty of the Department of Information to collect information and material relating to the State of Maryland from the several State agencies and other public and private organizations where such information is available; to assemble this information and material for distribution to interested persons and organizations and to otherwise disseminate this information and material to the public in general by means of maps, films, photographs, posters, pamphlets, and press and radio releases, and in such other manner and by such other medium as the Department deems advisable; to further disseminate this information by supplying schools, colleges, and other institutions of learning with information concerning the industries, natural resources, agriculture, recreation, government, and history of the State; and to further promote the interest of the State of Maryland