

Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 359 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy," establishing such commission, specifying its duties and responsibilities, the number and method of selection of its members, the manner of their compensation, and relating generally to a State Advisory Commission on atomic energy.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 359A be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 359 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy," and to read as follows:

*Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy*

*359A.*

(a) *It is declared that the application of atomic energy to peaceful pursuits can result in situations involving governmental responsibility of the State of Maryland which are novel and without precedent. It is also declared that in coping with such situations it would be desirable for the State Government to have ready access to the advice of qualified experts representing various scientific disciplines, professions, productive arts, and sectors of economic activity. It is also declared that such representatives can offer valuable advice to the State Government that will enable said Government to better cope with new situations or to grasp new opportunities for economic development arising from the peaceful application of atomic energy. It is further declared that the public interest will be served by the establishment of a Commission composed of experts representing appropriate scientific disciplines, professions, productive arts, and sectors of the economic community to advise the Governor and the Government of the State on questions arising from the peaceful application of atomic energy.*

(b) *An Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy is hereby created, to advise the Governor and the State Government concerning matters arising from the peaceful application of atomic energy.*

(c) *The Commission shall be composed of eleven members, with one member representing each of the following fields: Agriculture; Atomic Energy Industry; Education; Labor; Law, Medicine; Maryland Port Authority; Power; Public Health; Transportation; Sanitary Engineering.*

(d) *The members of the Commission shall each be appointed for a term of four years, except that initially two shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, three for a term of two (2) years, three for a term of three (3) years, and the remainder for a term of four (4) years. A chairman shall be designated by the Governor.*

(e) *The Commission shall hold regular semi-annual meetings, and such special meetings as it may deem necessary.*