

services for the aged, because the rapidly increasing population of older persons poses problems beyond the capacity of the individual, the family, or private philanthropy to solve. The General Assembly recognizes that this complex, burdensome, and unusual pattern of problems faced by elderly persons extends beyond the assistance that can be provided by any existing State agency. These problems are financial, social, educational and organizational; they involve questions of employment, housing, medical services, and recreational activities for the older person.

With the provisions of this article the General Assembly attempts to provide the broadest, most fruitful approach to solutions of ever-growing problems pertaining to the aged, as well as to give leadership and information to the public and private agencies in the political subdivisions of this State.

§ 2. Creation and composition of Commission; appointment, qualifications, term, etc., of members; compensation and expenses; vacancies.

(a) There is hereby created as part of the Executive Department a commission to be known as the Commission on Aging. The Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) members, eleven of whom shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of six years. Of the eleven members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland, one a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland, one a representative of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, one a representative of the Baltimore City Medical Society, one a representative of labor, one a representative of industry, one member who shall be specially knowledgeable in research, one member who shall be associated with the work of charitable organizations, and three members who shall be selected because of their interest in the problems of the aging. Of the said ten members first appointed, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, two for terms of three years, two for terms of four years, two for terms of five years and two for terms of six years each. The Governor shall designate one of said eleven members as chairman of the Commission. In case of any vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members thereof shall be eligible for reappointment. Six members of the Commission shall be, ex officio, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Director of the Social Services Administration, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Director of the Employment Security Administration, the Director of the State Planning Department, and the Secretary of Employment and Social Services.