

(a) "Agency" means any State board, commission, department or officer authorized by law to make rules or to adjudicate contested cases, except those in the legislative or judicial branches, and except the Maryland Parole Commission, ~~the Division of Parole and Probation~~, the Workmen's Compensation Commission, the State Accident Fund, the State Insurance Department of Maryland, the Public Service Commission, the Employment Security Board and the State Tax Commission. The Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund shall not be considered an "agency" within the meaning of this section as to any matter or action with regard to which the Insurance Commissioner has made an express, written finding or determination that compliance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [and/or the State Documents Law] by the Maryland Automobile Fund is unnecessary.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated unless otherwise provided.

(b) "AELR Committee" means the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review.

(c) "Agency" [has the same meaning as under the Administrative Procedure Act] MEANS ANY STATE BOARD, COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OR OFFICER AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO MAKE RULES OF ADJUDICATE CONTESTED CASES, EXCEPT THOSE IN THE LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL BRANCHES.

(d) "Executive order" has the same meaning as provided in Article 41, § 15CA.

(e) "Register" means the Maryland Register.

(f) "Rule" has the same meaning as under the Administrative Procedure Act.

(g) "Administrator" means the administrator of the division of State documents.

(h) "Code of Maryland Regulations" includes the permanent supplements of the Code published under § 256G of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND IF IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.