

(vi) Three representatives of the general public, of which one shall be a representative of a neighborhood or community association.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Council.

(d) (1) The members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(2) The term of a regular member is 3 years. The terms of the regular members shall be staggered as required by the terms required for members on July 1, 1994. At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

(3) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses from the Fund in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations.

73.

(a) The Council is established to assist in the prevention and deterrence of private passenger and commercial motor vehicle theft and related crimes including vandalism and the theft of property from vehicles in the State.

(b) The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To make grants and awards from the Fund for motor vehicle theft intervention programs, as provided in § 74 of this subtitle;

(2) To solicit and accept funds, for deposit to the Fund, to be used to carry out the purposes of this subtitle;

(3) To establish or assist in the establishment of programs designed to reduce the incidence of vehicle thefts and related crimes;

(4) To identify priorities for theft prevention strategies in the State and criteria for the Council's evaluation of recipients of assistance from the Council; and

(5) To study and propose laws that will further prevent and deter vehicle thefts and related crimes.

(c) (1) The Council shall employ an executive director who shall be appointed by the Governor.

(2) The expenses of the Council, including staff salaries and administrative expenses, shall be paid from the Fund. In no case may expenses exceed 7% of the total expenditures from the Fund in any fiscal year.

(3) The Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Department shall serve as the legal advisor to the Council.

74.

(a) There is established a Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund.

(b) The Fund is a special nonlapsing fund and shall consist of: