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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. In addition, the thirteen Appalachian states have a regional representative selected by the majority of the thirteen states (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the 13-State Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a Federal Co-Chairman appointed by the President and one member from each participating state, who must be the Governor or his alternate. A State Co-Chairman is elected annually by the Governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber and water resources, the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act provides contract authority through Fiscal Year 1978 of \$2,090,000,000 for the Appalachian Regional Developmental Highway System, which is for the construction of 2,700 miles of development highways and 1,600 miles of access roads. The Maryland portion of

the highway system consists of 79.8 miles. For non-highways, the Act authorized appropriations for 1977 Fiscal Year amounting to \$106,000,000.

The Commission is not an operating agency. Its major function is the planning and coordination of programs and projects to be carried out under the Act by the appropriate Federal and State departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects which are submitted to it by State members. Its decisions require the affirmative vote of the Federal Co-Chairman and of a majority of State members (Code 1957, 1975 Repl. Vol., Art. 78A, sec. 13).

**MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY (MIDFA)***Chairman: Nicholas F. Mueller, 1980**Vice Chairman: L. S. Mailman, 1981**Ex officio members: Joseph G. Anastasi, Secretary of Economic and Community Development; William S. James, State Treasurer.**Appointed members: Austin E. Penn, 1977; Raymond S. Clark, 1978; Carl M. Freeman, 1979.**Oliver H. Fulton, Executive Director and Secretary**George Van Buskirk, Assistant Executive Director and Assistant Secretary*1223 Munsey Building,  
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The Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority was created by Chapter 714, Acts of 1965. The Authority consists of five members appointed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development with the approval of the Governor, and the Secretary of Economic and Community Development or his designee together with either the State Treasurer or Comptroller of the Treasury (as chosen by the Governor), the latter two serving as ex-officio members. The Authority elects its own officials and appoints the Executive Director who also serves as the Secretary.