

Presentence or other investigations are completed for all State Courts when requested; however, the Division must complete a presentence investigation prior to sentencing by any Circuit Court or by the Baltimore City Supreme Bench of any defendant convicted of a felony to the Division of Correction or to Patuxent Institution, unless the Court specifically orders to the contrary. The Division, upon request of the courts, may supervise the conduct of persons placed on probation or suspension of sentence and ascertains and reports to the courts whether or not the conditions of such probation or suspension of sentence are being satisfactorily complied with. The Division also performs other probationary services the court may request.

The Division makes such investigation and prepares such reports as may be required by the Governor concerning persons who may make application for pardon or commutation of sentence or clemency. The Division makes such investigations as may be required by the Uniform Out-of-State Parolee Supervision Act concerning parolees and probationers from other states now living in Maryland. Finally, the Division makes investigations, reports, and recommendations with respect to applications for review of criminal sentences as directed by the Court of Special Appeals.

The Division makes available the services of its staff to the Circuit Courts for the respective counties, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the District Courts, the Parole Commission, the Governor, and the parole and probation jurisdictions of other states through the Out-of-State Parolee Supervision Act.

Recently the Division has shown tremendous growth in investigation and supervision workload. It is now developing a diversification of its services, which are geared to the needs of parolees and probationers in the community. These include an Employment Program to secure adequate jobs for worthy individuals unable to obtain their own; an Alcoholism Rehabilitation and Narcotics Program, which aids those so addicted; and Family Consultations, which provide counseling assistance in family and marital problems. While rendering these and other services, each Parole and Probation agent serves as a counselor and makes appropriate referrals to other agencies, public and private, to facilitate rehabilitation, bearing in mind that the protection of society and the rehabilitation of the offender are primary goals.

The Division maintains offices in the following areas: Annapolis, Baltimore City, Bel Air,

Cambridge, Camp Springs, Centreville, Chestertown, College Park, Cumberland, Denton, Dundalk, Easton, Ellicott City, Elkton, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Glen Burnie, Hagerstown, La Plata, Leonardtown, Oakland, Prince Frederick, Princess Anne, Rockville, Salisbury, Silver Spring, Snow Hill, Suitland, Towson, Upper Marlboro, Westminster, and Woodlawn.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, the Division supervised approximately 39,000 parole and probation cases and conducted approximately 15,000 investigations of various types.

Effective January 1, 1979, approximately 80,000 support cases will be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Resources (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 117A-131 A).

## MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* Henry P. Turner, 1982

Jasper R. Clay, Jr., 1985; Thomas J. D' Alesandro, Jr., 1980; Herbert Matz, 1981; Louis E. Einschütz, 1982; Isaiah Larkin, Jr., 1983; James L. Thomas, 1983.

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The Maryland Parole Commission was created by Chapter 540, Acts of 1976, to replace the Board of Parole. The previous board had been established by Chapter 457, Acts of 1968, to replace the Board of Parole and Probation.

The Commission is composed of a Chairperson and six Commissioners, all of whom are appointed for terms of six years by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services with the approval of the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services designates the Chairperson of the Commission.

The Commission utilizes hearing examiners to hear certain cases for parole release. The Commission itself has the exclusive power to hear certain serious cases for parole release and has the exclusive power to conduct hearings for revocation of parole. The jurisdiction of the Commission extends to persons sentenced under the laws of this State to any penal or correctional institution, including local jails and detention centers. It has the power to issue warrants for the