

Right-of-way and legal offices are maintained in each of the engineering districts.

MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION

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The Maryland Port Administration was created on July 1, 1971, as a part of the Maryland Department of Transportation, succeeding the Maryland Port Authority, a semiautonomous State agency established by Chapter 2, Acts of the Special Session of 1956. It adopted its present name by Chapter 526, Acts of 1970, which provided for the transfer of the rights, duties, powers, and obligations of the Authority to the Administration. Not included are those powers and duties that were transferred to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

The Administration endeavors to promote and increase waterborne commerce in Maryland. To this end the Administration maintains field offices in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Brussels, London, Tokyo, and Hong Kong, as well as in Baltimore.

When the Administration's predecessor agency was created in 1956, the primary objective of the General Assembly was to improve the facilities and strengthen the workings of the private operator. If private facilities were found inadequate, however, or inadequately operated at any time, the Authority was empowered to construct, and if necessary operate, supplementary public facilities (Code Transportation Article, secs. 6-101 through 6-502). This power was transferred to the Administration in 1970.

From 1956 through fiscal year 1973, the Maryland Port Administration invested some \$108,000,000 in modernizing and constructing international general cargo facilities in the port of Baltimore and expended another \$2,000,000 in new port facilities at Cambridge and Crisfield on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

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The Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established by Chapter 207, Acts of 1910. The Legislature changed this title to the Department of Motor Vehicles by Chapter 1007, Acts of 1943. By Chapter 526, Acts of 1970, the Department was placed within the Maryland Department of Transportation and became the Motor Vehicle Administration (Code Transportation Article, secs. 12-101 through 12-209).

OPERATIONS

Charles F. Pfaff, *Deputy Administrator*

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

Nance Stamboni, *Director*

This Division is responsible for licensing motor vehicle dealers, manufacturers, wreckers and scrap processors, professional driving schools, and title service agents. The Division also ensures that each school bus is inspected for safety three times a year. With the powers of licensing and investigation, the Division ensures that dealers and others in the automotive business honor their agreements and warranties. Consumer complaints are handled by this Division.

DIVISION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Donald W. Harrison, *Director*

This Division is responsible for titling and registering all passenger and commercial vehicles in Maryland. The Division also collects the five percent excise tax imposed on vehicles titled in the state, the annual registration fees, and issues registration tags.

DIVISION OF DRIVER EXAMINATION AND LICENSING

Lt. Col. Arthur McCormick, *Director*

The Division of Driver Examination and Licensing is responsible for conducting examinations of all new drivers and renewing motor vehicle operators' licenses.

Examinations include testing of the applicant's visual acuity, knowledge of motor vehicle laws, and the ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

Maryland licenses are now classified according to the type of vehicle the driver will operate and