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The Governor appointed this Commission in 1972 at the request of the General Assembly to study the operation of security guards and special police and the relationship between government and private industry in this field. The Commission consists of members of the General Assembly and persons involved in the training of police officers (Res. No. 37, Acts of 1972).

### GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO STUDY SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

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The Governor reorganized the Commission to Study Sovereign Immunity in July of 1975 in response to legislative initiatives seeking revisions in the common law doctrine of sovereign immunity. In an effort to provide the General Assembly with functional reference material, the Governor directed the Commission to explore the entire concept of sovereign immunity with particular emphasis on the practical and fiscal implications of a sovereign immunity abrogation in contract and tort. Pursuant to the Governor's charge, the Commission undertook an extensive survey to review the experience of other states that had modified the doctrine of sovereign immunity and to evaluate the impact anticipated by various sectors of the Maryland governmental communities in the event the doctrine was abrogated. A report was submitted to the Governor and General Assembly in November 1976.

### MARYLAND TAX COURT STUDY COMMISSION

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The Acting Governor appointed this Commission in 1978 at the request of the General Assembly (Res. No. 30, Acts of 1978). The Commission is charged with the duty of determining whether the Maryland Tax Court should be made a constitutional court and to consider matters related thereto.

The Commission includes two members of the Maryland State Bar Association, a member from the Attorney General's Office, a member from the Maryland Tax Court, a member from the House of Delegates nominated by the Speaker, a member from the Senate nominated by the President, a member from the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, two members nominated by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and four members from the public at large.

The Commission is required to issue a report of the findings of its study, together with any suggested legislation, by February 1, 1979.

### GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TITLE XX PLANNING

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