

McKeldin Library of the University of Maryland, and State Library Resource Center/Enoch Pratt Free Library. At least four members of the general public who are concerned with the quality of library services also serve on the Task Force.

In 1982, the Task Force drafted legislation which would establish a State Publications Depository and Distribution Center at the State Library Resource Center/Pratt Central, and create a Commission to advise the Center in administering a depository system. The legislation was enacted June 1, 1982.

The Task Force presently is studying the problems of accessibility of local publications and reports, and preservation of State/local government publications and reports.

The Interim Report of the Task Force is available from the chairperson.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAWS

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The Governor appointed this Commission in 1976 to undertake a complete study of the constitutional, statutory, and common law provisions concerning domestic relations and to make appropriate recommendations for improvement in the law. The Commission consists of members of the General Assembly, the Judiciary, the Maryland Bar, and other interested citizens.

The Commission made its first report to the Governor in January 1978. It submitted proposed legislation, Senate Bill 604, which, with amendments, was enacted (Chapter 794, Acts of 1978). This law appears in the Maryland Code as Subtitle 6A of Article 3, Courts and Judicial Proceedings. It affects the disposition of property upon divorce or annulment.

The Commission's second report, made to Governor Hughes in January 1980, contained its second piece of proposed legislation. The Commission's recommendations, with amendments,

were enacted as Senate Bill 811, which became Chapter 575, Acts of 1980. This law affects the respective alimony rights and obligations of spouses. Commission recommendations on custody of children and divorce were not enacted by the 1982 General Assembly.

The Commission is continuing its work.

TASK FORCE ON THE DRINKING DRIVER

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The Governor originally appointed this task force in 1980. Its purpose was to develop broad-based measures to counteract the problems associated with motor vehicle drivers who are intoxicated, or whose abilities are impaired by alcohol. The Task Force was to recommend means to improve the State's ability to identify the drinking driver, remove him from the road, attempt to rehabilitate him, and then, if rehabilitation has been successful, restore his driving privileges. The Task Force also was to examine fully the use of the probation before judgment disposition, to determine whether or not it would be appropriate to record such a disposition on an individual's driving record.

The 1982 General Assembly, in response to Task Force recommendations, appropriated funds to enhance rehabilitation and education programs administered by the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Transportation. The oversight of these rehabilitation and education programs was assigned to the Task Force and made its principal function by the Governor in November 1982. At that time, the Governor extended the period of service of the Task Force and assigned it additional responsibilities. The Task Force is to recommend to the courts which alcohol rehabilitation programs are worthy of certification. It also will continue to monitor the effects of enacted legislation and assess the need for new legislative initiatives. In this regard, the Task Force is to review the implications of the recently enacted federal drunk driving bill.