

publications include *Maryland Travel and Outdoor Guide*, *Maryland Calendar of Events*, and an official Maryland State highway map. They are available free upon request.

In addition to conveying information by mail and phone, the Office runs a visitors' center and guide service at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, and nine highway information centers. The Office's matching funds and cooperative marketing programs strengthen and support county and regional travel promotion councils as well.

The Office also works with travel and outdoor writers to provide tours of Maryland, research and information, and photographs and transparencies.

#### MARYLAND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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The Maryland Tourism Development Board was formed in 1993 (Chapter 625, Acts of 1993). The Board guides, stimulates, and promotes travel and tourism in Maryland. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development, the Board is to formulate a 5-year strategic plan, an annual marketing plan, and an annual operating budget to promote and develop tourism.

The Board protects, preserves, promotes, and restores the natural, historical, scenic and cultural resources of Maryland; encourages the development of new tourism resources, products, businesses, and attractions in the State; and helps tourists travel through Maryland by ensuring the provision of signs, information aids, and other services. The Board reviews taxes, fees, licenses, regulations, and regulatory procedures that affect tourism and evaluates their impact on the ability of the tourism industry to create jobs and generate income. The Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund may be used by the Board to plan, advertise, promote, assist, and develop tourism and travel industries in the State.

Fifteen members constitute the Board. Eleven are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development and Senate advice and consent. Two are appointed by the Senate President and two by the House Speaker (Code 1957, Art. 83A, secs. 4-1A-01 through 4-1A-09).

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Created in 1993, the Committee's forty members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development and the Maryland Tourism Development Board (Chapter 625, Acts of 1993).

#### MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

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The Maryland State Arts Council originated as the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland, established by Executive Order in 1966. The Maryland State Arts Council was created by statute in 1967 (Chapter 644, Acts of 1967). Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Council became part of the Department of Economic and Employment Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Council assists artists and arts organizations throughout the State and designs new or expanded arts programs. Arts include but are not limited to dance, drama, music drama, architecture, painting, sculpture, graphics, crafts, photography, design, film, television and creative writing (Code 1957, Art. 83A, sec. 6-508). The Council makes grants to individual artists, arts organizations, and county arts councils. It also conducts programs of its own: Fine Arts in Public Places Program, Artists in Education Program, Arts Facility Assistance Program, and State Folklife Program. Annually, the Council receives a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for program support.

The Council has seventeen members. Thirteen are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor in consultation with the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development. Two members (one a member of the State Senate) are appointed by the Senate President. Two members (one a member of the House of Delegates) are appointed by the House Speaker. Council members are chosen because of their participation in civic, educational, and professional organizations concerned with or engaged in the production of the performing, visual or creative arts. Members also must represent all geographic sections of the State (Code 1957, Art. 83A, secs. 6-501 through 6-509).

#### MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (MARYLAND FILM COMMISSION)

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The Motion Picture and Television Development Office, known as the Maryland Film Commission, was created in 1980 (Chapter 5, Acts of 1980). It became part of the Department of Economic and Employment Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). In 1992, the Office was placed under the Maryland State Arts Council.