

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADOPTION

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The Governor's Commission on Adoption was formed by the Governor in July 1995 (Executive Order 01.01.1995.22). The Commission reviewed laws, policies, practices, and studies on barriers to adoption and recommended ways to improve the adoption process. The Commission evaluated adoption monitoring, recruitment, case protocols and guidelines, reimbursement, court procedures, and additional funding sources. Public/ private partnership alternatives to improve the adoption process also were considered by the Commission.

The Commission reported to the Governor on December 22, 1995.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

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The Maryland Agricultural Emergency Task Force was activated in 1986, 1987, 1991, and 1993 according to an emergency operations plan. The Department of Agriculture submitted this plan to the Governor in 1986. The plan provided for actions to be taken in agricultural emergencies, such as droughts or floods.

The Task Force has been inactive since 1993.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS WORK GROUP

The Group has been inactive since 1994.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ASSISTED LIVING

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The Governor formed the Governor's Task Force on Assisted Living in September 1995. For the elderly and individuals with disabilities who no longer are independent, assisted-living programs provide help with daily activities, supervision to assure safety, and some medical services.

The Task Force charge was to review the public health and safety needs of residents in assisted-living programs, as well as the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures relating to assisted-living care. In addition, the Task Force was to identify standards for combining regulations; propose ways to merge duplicate responsibilities in State agencies; and recommend reforms.

The Task Force submitted its final report to the Governor on November 21, 1995.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON BALTIMORE CITY AUTOMOBILE-INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION

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The Governor's Commission on Baltimore City Automobile-Insurance Rate Reduction was estab-