

lished by the Governor in February 1995 (Executive Order 01.01.1995.05). The Commission examined factors that made automobile-insurance rates excessively high in Baltimore City. These included rating practices of automobile insurers; attorney involvement in automobile-insurance disputes; practices by health-care providers in treating accident victims; and actions by claimants that may contribute to high rates. The Commission also reviewed how other states reduce the cost of automobile insurance. The Commission recommended statutory changes for reducing automobile-insurance costs in other jurisdictions, as well as Baltimore City. The role of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the automobile-insurance market also was considered by the Commission.

On September 1, 1995, the Commission submitted its preliminary report to the Governor. This report recommended lowering premiums by eliminating multiple recoveries for the same injury; limiting medical costs and lessening attorney involvement in bodily injury claims, particularly soft tissue injuries; and decreasing insurance fraud potential. The Commission also recommended reducing the number of mandatory coverages in the State by making personal injury protection and uninsured motorist coverage optional; regulating territorial (by zip code) rating practices; and implementing certain highway safety measures. After these proposals were evaluated for cost-effectiveness, the Commission submitted its final report in December 1995.

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In September 1993, the Governor created the Baltimore/ Washington International Airport Commission (Executive Order 01.01.1993.23). The Commission advised the Secretary of Transportation on the management and operation of BWI Airport policies, practices, and procedures.

The Commission was superseded in October 1994 by the Maryland Aviation Commission (Chapter 457, Acts of 1994).

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The Commission reported its initial findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in July 1993. The Commission last met in Spring 1995.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE ASSUMPTION OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS

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The Governor formed the Governor's Commission to Study State Assumption of the Circuit Courts in July 1994 (Executive Order 01.01.1994.19). The Commission explored ways in which the State could assume funding and management of the county circuit courts and the Baltimore City Circuit Court. In January 1995, the Commission submitted its final report. The General Assembly considered but did not enact Commission recommendations during the 1995 session.

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