

any member of its governing body. Receipt of such complaint shall be promptly acknowledged in writing and a copy transmitted to the Secretary of Transportation. The administration or other agency shall then proceed to investigate the complaint. Subject to such extensions of time as the parties may agree upon, a decision shall be rendered in writing and a copy thereof sent to the Complainant within thirty (30) days of the filing of the complaint. A record shall be kept of all complaints and their disposition which shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours.

(2) A party aggrieved by an adverse decision or action or failure to take action within the time prescribed by paragraph (1) of this subsection and who is entitled to appeal to the Board of Review, may file an appeal to the Board of Review. The Board shall adopt procedures as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act, Section 244 et seq. of this Article, and shall in all other respects be governed by the provisions of said Act. At least five members shall sit at any hearing of the Board, constituted as a Board of Appeal. Decisions shall be by a majority of the Board sitting. The Board's decision shall be in writing, stating its reasons. Minutes of its proceedings shall be kept. The Chairman, or acting Chairman, shall have the power to administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the Board shall be the final agency decision for purposes of judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act, Section 244 et seq. of this Article, or for purposes of any other provisions of law permitting appeals to the courts from decisions of agencies included within the Department of Transportation. Appeals from decisions of the Board shall be as prescribed in the Administrative Procedure Act or by the substantive law applying to the commission, administration, board or other instrumentality whose decision is being appealed.

#### 208C.

(a) The Maryland Transportation Authority is hereby created. It shall consist of the Secretary of Transportation, who shall serve as Chairman of the Authority, and six members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the members initially appointed, two shall be for terms of three years, two shall be for terms of two years, and two shall be for terms of one year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of three years. The Governor shall fill any vacancy which occurs before the expiration of a term by appointment for the balance of the term. Members of the Authority shall receive such compensation as provided in the budget from time to time and shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually incurred. The Authority shall have such staff as may be provided in the Budget; in addition the Chairman of the Authority is authorized to and shall assign such personnel of the Department of Transportation as the Chairman deems necessary to perform such maintenance and other functions as are required to meet the obligations assumed or undertaken by the Authority on behalf of the Department with respect to its transportation facilities projects.

(b) On and after July 1, 1971, all power, authority, obligations, functions, duties and discretion (i) heretofore granted to the State Roads Commission of Maryland relating to the financing, operation, maintenance and repair of the Susquehanna River Bridge, the Poto-