

- (1) The Historic St. Mary's City Commission;
- (2) The Commission on Afro-American History and Culture;
- (3) The Commission on Indian Affairs;
- [(4) The Maryland Ethnic Heritage Commission;]
- [(5)] (4) The Maryland Historical Trust; and
- [(6)] (5) The Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program.

[Subtitle 5. Maryland Ethnic Heritage Commission.]

[5-501.

There is a Maryland Ethnic Heritage Commission within the Department.]

[5-502.

The Commission shall:

- (1) Advise the Governor through the Secretary on State programs and activities relating to Maryland's ethnic heritage;
- (2) Sponsor and promote historical, cultural, and educational projects to increase the knowledge and appreciation of ethnic cultural history throughout the State;
- (3) Strive to increase the understanding among ethnic groups and between ethnic groups and the community at large;
- (4) Recommend and stimulate the commemoration of historical events and the official recognition of accomplishments made by individuals or organizations from within the ethnic communities;
- (5) Maintain contact with and coordinate the activities of all ethnic communities in the State and serve as a liaison between State government and the various ethnic communities; and
- (6) Promote the research on and the preservation of the traditions and artifacts of Maryland's ethnic cultures.]

[5-503.

The Commission shall consist of 15 members who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among the various ethnic communities in the State.]

[5-504.

The Commission shall elect annually from among its members a chairman and vice chairman.]