

FOREWORD

The purpose of the MARYLAND MANUAL is to present in concise form to the citizens of Maryland a description of their government. Since it is a publication of the State, the emphasis is primarily on the agencies of the State Government; that part having to do with local government is not intended to be more than a directory.

Essays devoted to individual governmental agencies contain at the very least an account of the legal status of the agency, its function, the name of the official in charge and the members of any governing body or commission, the number of persons employed, expenditures during the fiscal year 1950 and appropriations for 1951. A list of current publications of all agencies is given in a separate section.

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This edition of the MANUAL contains for the first time a road map of Maryland prepared by the State Roads Commission and adapted for our use with the cooperation of Mr. George W. Cassel of the Traffic Division. An excellent map of Maryland showing state parks, institutions, forest preserves, and so forth has been made available to the editors of the MANUAL by the Department of Public Improvements. Photographs were furnished by the following:

Department of Public Improvements—Old Senate Chamber and Deer's Head State Hospital. State Roads Commission—Sandy Hook Bridge and Route 40, aerial view. Board of Natural Resources—Sandy Point Park and Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Marion Warren—Old Treasury Building, Anne Arundel County Court House and U. S. Naval Hospital.

The reader's attention is called to the fact that the Index which formerly contained references only to that part of the book devoted to State agencies has now been enlarged to include all names of persons. As a result it has been necessary to divide the Index into a "General Index" devoted to agencies, subjects and functions and "An Index to Proper Names."

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