(a) There is a Commission on Aging in the Department.

(b) (1) The Commission consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor as follows:
   (i) 1 shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland, who may not vote;
   (ii) 1 shall be a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, who may not vote; and
   (iii) 11 shall be selected to reflect the geographic diversity of the State and because of their interest in the needs of seniors.

   (2) At least 7 members shall be at least 55 years old.

(c) (1) The term of a member of the Commission is 4 years.

    (2) The terms of members appointed under subsection (b)(1)(iii) of this section are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Commission on October 1, 2007.

    (3) A member of the Commission appointed under subsection (b)(1)(iii) of this section may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

    (4) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

    (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(d) From among the members of the Commission, the Governor shall designate a chair.

(e) A member of the Commission:

    (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

    (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

    (1) exercise the powers and perform the duties specified in this title;

    (2) review:

        (i) ongoing statewide programs and activities for seniors; and

        (ii) new statewide programs for seniors before the programs are implemented; and

    (3) make recommendations to the Secretary about statewide programs and activities for seniors.