

Western Maryland which shall comprise the counties of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington. The regional appointments shall be licensed well drillers and be actively engaged at the time of their appointment in the well drilling business in the State. The remaining three (3) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: one (1) from the public at large, who shall serve as Chairman of the Board; one (1) from the Department of Water Resources; and one (1) from Environmental Health Services, Department of Health. In the event of a vacancy the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) Compensation for members of the Board, other than public officials, shall be as provided in the budget.

(d) It is the duty of the Board to administer and provide for the enforcement of all the provisions of this subtitle. The Board has all of the powers expressly conferred or reasonably implied from the provisions of this subtitle. The Board is expressly vested with the power and authority to make and enforce such rules and regulations as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subtitle, and which it may from time to time deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. It shall be the duty of the Board to issue licenses as well driller to all applicants who shall be duly qualified under and who comply with the provisions of this subtitle.

(e) The Board may employ a secretary and such other assistants or clerks as may be necessary to assist in discharging the duties imposed by this subtitle. Compensation for employees of the Board shall be as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Secretary of the Board shall collect, account for, and pay over all fees required by this subtitle in such manner as may be prescribed by rule or regulation of the Comptroller, and shall give bond in such penalty and form as may be required by the Comptroller.

(g) The Board shall adopt a Seal with such design as the Governor may approve, and the impression and description of the Seal shall be filed with the Secretary of the State.

(h) All licenses and official records kept in the office of the Board under authority of this subtitle shall be open to public inspection under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board. Copies of all records and proceedings of the Board, duly certified and authenticated by the Seal of the Board, shall be received in evidence in all courts.

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(a) The Board is authorized and empowered to grant licenses to persons desiring or intending to engage in the business of well drilling in this State in the manner and upon their terms and conditions hereinafter provided upon the payment of an annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(b) Every license issued under the authority granted by this subtitle, unless sooner revoked or suspended, shall expire on the thirtieth of June next following the date of issuance of such license. Renewal licenses shall be issued on application therefor and upon payment of the annual license FEE. No examination may be required of an applicant for a renewal license.