

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORS.

204 E. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Term Expires.</i>	<i>Postoffice.</i>
Chairman:		
Charles E. Harper.....	1920	Salisbury
Vice-Chairman:		
Clarendon I. T. Gould.....	1921	Baltimore
Secretary:		
Mrs. Thomas B. Harrison.....	1919	Baltimore

The Board consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for a term of three years. The first appointments are made for terms of one, two and three years and as these terms expire a successor is appointed for a full term of three years. (Ch. 209, 1916.)

The duties of the Board are to examine all films, reels or views to be exhibited or used in the State of Maryland; to approve such as are moral and proper, and to condemn, or eliminate those which, in the judgment of the Board, tend to debase or corrupt morals.

The Board receives in advance a fee of \$2.00 per reel, for each reel of approximately 1000 feet, submitted for examination, and one dollar per reel for each duplicate if submitted at the same time. Upon completion of the examination the Board issues a certificate stating the result of the examination, and furnishes an official approval seal which is affixed to each set of films approved by the Board. A complete record is kept by the Board of the results of all examinations.

One-half of all fees received by the Board are paid to the State Treasurer—the other half, to the extent of \$12,000.00, is used to defray the salaries and expenses of the Board. All fines imposed for the violation of the Act are paid into the State Treasury.

Any member or employee of the Board has the authority to enter any place where films are exhibited, and to prevent the exhibition of such as have not been approved by the Board, or to order any improper posters or advertising matter to be submitted to the Board for examination. Persons submitting films to the Board for examination, if dissatisfied with the result of the first examination may, upon appeal, submit the same film to the Board for re-examination by two or more members, and finally to the Baltimore City Court of Baltimore City.

Any person violating the provisions of the Act is subject to a fine of from \$25.00 to \$50.00 for the first offense, and from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for any subsequent offense. In default of payment of fine and costs, the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period of from ten to thirty days.

Any person failing to display the approval seal of the Board, may be fined from \$5.00 to \$10.00, or in default of payment shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two to five days.

The provisions of the Act do not apply to any exhibition of films by religious, charitable or fraternal organizations or by any library, school or museum, for purely religious, charitable, fraternal or educational purposes.