

This Board has the supervision of railroads, steam and electric, common carriers in general, gas corporations, electrical corporations, telephone companies, telegraph companies, water companies, steam heating and refrigerating companies, express companies, sleeping car companies, steamship, steamboat, motorboat and sailing boat companies and automobile bus companies doing business as common carriers, provided any of the aforementioned companies are doing business within the State of Maryland. Its supervision and jurisdiction covers the service furnished, the rates charged, capitalization, issue of stocks and bonds, the right to exercise franchises granted by the counties or by the cities, the right to fix rates for service, fix standards for service and general supervisory and regulatory powers.

In the matter of permitting the companies to exercise franchises and to issue securities, they are required in all cases to advertise the fact that the Commission will hear their application upon a certain date. This done in order that any person, or persons, opposed to the exercise of the franchise or the issuance of securities may have an opportunity to be heard and submit to the Commission their reason for believing that the Commission should withhold the order permitting the things to be done under the application filed.

The Governor appoints an experienced and qualified attorney as People's Counsel. No term specified in the Act. (Ch. 29, 1922.)

THE STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

Equitable Building, Baltimore.

Name.	Term Expires.	Postoffice.
Commission:		
Robert H. Carr, Chairman	1929	Baltimore
George Louis Eppler	1931	Cumberland
Omar D. Crothers	1927	Elkton
Secretary, A. E. Brown		Baltimore

Governor appoints three, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political faith, one for 6 years, one for 4 years, and one for 2 years, and as these terms expire the successor is appointed for 6 years. The Governor designates the chairman. (Ch. 800, 1914.)

The State Industrial Accident Commission is charged with the duty of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. The law provides, first, for the payment of compensation to employees injured in certain extra-hazardous employments, and to their dependents in case of death; second, for all employers in such occupations shall secure the payment of such compensation by insuring their liability in a stock company, or the State Accident Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation direct.

The business of the Commission is to administer to the Workmen's Compensation Act and involves determining what occupations are included, receiving reports of accidents, receiving, investigating and adjudicating claims arising under the Act. Hearings are held in contested cases. In addition to these duties, the Commission administers