

# THE STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

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Name.	Term Expires.	Postoffice.
Commission:		
Robert H. Carr, Chairman.....	1935.....	Baltimore
Omar D. Crothers.....	1933.....	Elkton
Daniel R. Randall.....	1937.....	Baltimore
Secretary, Albert E. Brown, Baltimore.		

Director of Safety, James A. Haller, 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, that all employers in such occupations shall secure the payment of such compensation by insuring their liability in a stock mutual company, or the State Accident Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation.

The business of the Commission is to administer 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 the State Accident Fund, which is provided by the Act as one of the methods by which employers must insure.

The General Assembly of Maryland in its session of 1928 amended the Workmen's Compensation Law, giving the Commission the power to formulate reasonable rules and regulations looking to the establishment and maintenance of conditions of safety, and to the prevention of accidents in occupations governed by the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law, and also authorized them to appoint a Director of Safety, with assistants, to carry out these provisions under the jurisdiction of the Commission. This department has been organized with Mr. James A. Haller, as Director of Safety, and is carrying on the work as provided in the Workmen's Compensation Law, and it is expected that the service rendered by this department will prove of great value to the industries of Maryland, and to their employes.

Prior to the convening of the General Assembly of 1930, the Governor was asked to appoint a Commission to study the present Workmen's Compensation Act of Maryland, and make recommendations of any changes that might be made in the Act, taking into consideration the provisions of other States, the adequacy or inadequacy of the law as it then existed, and also to endeavor to correct any defects that might be present therein. The Governor appointed a Commission for this purpose, and recommendations were made, which it is hoped, will accomplish this purpose. Amendments covering these recommendations were enacted and passed by the General Assembly, and it is felt that Maryland now has a Workmen's Compensation Law which, in fairness to all interested elements, is equal to the law of any State in the Union.

During the year ending October 31, 1930, there was a total of 41,761 industrial accidents reported to the Commission. This was 1,846 cases