

It is the duty of the Chief Mine Engineer to enforce all provisions of the Act. He is given the authority to make and enforce necessary rules and regulations in connection with the enforcement of the Act and the operation of the mines. After hearings had been held in Frostburg and Westernport between the Chief Mine Engineer and operators and miners, such regulations were issued and became effective March 13, 1929, and have been in force since that date. (Ch. 307, 1922.)

There was created by this Act in the Bureau of Mines a State Mine Examining Board with powers to examine and pass upon the qualifications of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. Ten examinations have been held at Frostburg, Maryland. The personnel of the Mine Examining Board is as follows:

B. H. McCracken, Frostburg, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Operators.
Lawrence Dunn, Midland, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Miners.
John J. Rutledge, Chairman Ex-officio; representing State of Maryland.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION

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The Governor, without Senate confirmation, appoints one State Employment Commissioner for a term of six years from October 1, 1931. The other members of the staff of the Commissioner are in the classified service.

The Merit System Law of Maryland (Article 64-A, page 2160, Annotated Code of Maryland—Bagby) creating the State Employment Commission was passed in 1920 during the first legislative session of the first administration of Governor Ritchie. It embodies advanced principles of personnel legislation which have made possible the inauguration in Maryland of a progressive personnel program based upon the most favorably accepted practices in both the public and the private fields of employment.