

The State law requires that of the nine members of the Board, four shall be physicians, one a civil engineer, one a certified pharmacist, and one an experienced doctor of dental surgery, all to be appointed by the Governor, the remaining members to be the Attorney-General and the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City. The Governor shall designate one of the four physicians as Chairman and Director of Health. The Governor's appointees serve for a term of six years, each.

Dr. Robert H. Riley is Chairman of the Board and Director of Health. He is the Executive Officer of the State Department of Health. He is represented in the field by the Deputy State Health Officers, one in each Sanitary District. Division of the State into ten Sanitary Districts, each consisting of two or three counties, and each in charge of a full-time Deputy State Health Officer, was made in 1914, in accordance with the law enacted that year. Increased functions made it necessary to decrease the territory covered, and the County Health Department Law enacted in 1922 opened the way for full-time departments in individual counties. A third law passed in 1931, changed the number of Sanitary Districts from ten to twenty-three, corresponding to the number of Counties, and gave the necessary sanction for State-wide full-time County health service. Since 1934, there has been full-time health service in every county in the State.

The County Health Officers are designated as Deputy State Health Officers. Through them the Director of Health exercises supervision over all matters affecting public health in the counties of Maryland.

The headquarters of the State Department of Health are at 2411 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. The building houses the executive offices, the bureaus, divisions, and central laboratories. Branch bacteriological laboratories are maintained at conveniently accessible centers in different parts of the State.

In the Executive Office are four divisions, Legal Administration, Public Health Education, Oral Hygiene, and Personnel and Accounts.

Mr. J. Davis Donovan, LL.B., is Chief of the Division of Legal Administration. His duties include the investigation of all infractions of public health laws and representation of the Department in court in cases of prosecution of violations of such laws. The Division also enforces the provisions of the law relating to the manufacture and sale of bedding and upholstered furniture.

Miss Gertrude B. Knipp is Chief of the Division of Public Health Education. Her duties include assembling and distributing information on health promotion and disease prevention; preparing bulletins in popular form for press purposes, with special reference to use in the counties; preparing circulars and arranging reports and other printed matter bearing upon the work of the Department.

Dr. Richard C. Leonard, D.D.S., is chief of the Division of Oral Hygiene. His duties include the organization and supervision of county school dental clinics wherein preschool and school children are examined and either referred to a family dentist, or, in the case of indigent children, given free care. Educational work on the importance and maintenance of mouth health is carried on through lectures, clinics, moving pictures and pamphlets distributed through the Division.

In addition to the Executive Office the Department consists of the following bureaus and divisions, the duties of which are described below: