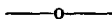


total disability payments from \$28.00 to \$32.00 a week; the increase of permanent total disability awards from \$32.00 weekly payments to \$35.00, and the total amount from \$10,000 to \$12,500, the increase of total benefits to dependents from \$7,500 to \$10,000; the broadening of the law in hernia cases, the establishment of a Second Injury Fund, and removal of the limitations as to the payment of medical expenses. In 1951 the Act included many additional employments; also, for the first time, Maryland came to be what is known as a non-scheduled State for Occupational Diseases.

Medical Board for Occupational Diseases

The Medical Board for Occupational Diseases was established in 1939. The members of the Board are appointed by the Governor, with the approval of the Senate, from a list of nominees submitted by the Deans of the schools of medicine of the University of Maryland and the Johns Hopkins University and by the Council of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. Each agency submits a list of three persons, two of whom are experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom is an experienced roentgenologist. Each appointee to the Board must be a licensed physician in good professional standing, two of whom shall have had at least five years practice in the treating, diagnosis, and care of industrial diseases, the third member having been trained in roentgenology and having had five years practice and experience. The term of each member is six years. The Chairman of the Board is designated by the Governor. The Board hears and adjudicates all claims for compensation for disability caused by an occupational disease. The decisions of the Board are subject to review by the Industrial Accident Commission. (Code 1951, Art. 101, secs. 26-28).

Appropriations	1955	1956
General Fund	\$271,250	\$292,993
Staff: 59.		



COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND

- Chairman: Thomas W. Offutt, 1958
- Joseph D. Weiner, Vice Chairman, 1956; William A. Sullivan, Secretary, 1955; Abraham Watner, 1957; C. Rutledge Turner, 1959.
- Richard K. Coggins, Superintendent
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The State Accident Fund, originally a part of the State Industrial Accident Commission, was established as a separate agency in 1941. The State Accident Fund is under the direction of a board of five members appointed by the Governor for a term of five years, the term of one member expiring each year (Code 1951, Art. 101, secs. 69, 70). The Board annually elects its officers. The Board is empowered to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the Accident Fund. The State Accident Fund is the State's Workmen's Compensation Insurance Carrier. Through the fund employers may carry insurance for the payment of claims which may arise from accidents and injuries to the employees as allowed under the Workmen's Compensation Law. All expenses of the agency are paid