

utilities may not abandon or discontinue the exercise of any franchise without permission of the Commission. The Commission tests all gas and electric meters before installation; it also tests previously installed meters at the request of the consumer. It maintains a laboratory in which it makes daily tests of gas furnished in the City of Baltimore. It also makes regular and frequent tests of the gas and electricity furnished in other parts of the State (Code 1951, 1957 supp., Art. 78, secs. 1-88).

In addition, the Commission has jurisdiction over privately-owned sewage disposal companies which own or maintain pipes or other fixtures and facilities for the disposal and disposition of household, animal, and human waste, refuse, and slops (Code 1951, 1957 supp., Art. 78, sec. 2).

The Commission is also authorized to make joint investigations, hold joint hearings, and issue joint or other concurrent orders in conjunction with any official board or commission of any state or the Federal government under agreements and compacts between states, under the concurrent powers of states to regulate interstate commerce as an agency of the Federal government, or otherwise (Code 1951, 1957 supp., Art. 78, sec. 5). The Public Service Commission is also represented on joint boards created by the Interstate Commerce Commission under the Federal Motor Carriers Act to hear and pass upon applications and proceedings pertaining to interstate motor carrier operation conducted in or through not more than three states.

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$269,774	\$295,972
Staff: 39.		

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Chairman: Charles Rosenbaum, 1963

Morris B. Bassford, 1959; Bernard A. Garrity, 1961

Jack Cohen, Executive Secretary

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The State Athletic Commission, established in 1920, consists of three members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms, one term expiring every two years. The Commission has supervision over all boxing and wrestling matches scheduled and held in the State of Maryland. It enacts and enforces such rules as are necessary to govern these bouts. It licenses all corporations, associations or persons sponsoring such bouts, and all referees, managers, seconds, and participants. The Commission collects from all sponsors of boxing and wrestling matches a fee equal to ten percent of the gross gate receipts and also ten percent of the sale of radio, television, or motion picture rights to boxing and wrestling events (Code 1951, Art. 56, secs. 97-115).

Appropriations	1957	1958
Special Fund	\$22,200	\$21,800
Staff: 4.		

STATE AVIATION COMMISSION

Chairman: Charles B. Allen, 1958

Charles Adler, Jr., 1959; Charles A. Masson, 1959;

Charles W. Purcell, 1959; George H. Langenfelder, 1960.

Rudolph A. Drenna, Director of Aeronautics

James H. Norris, Jr., Counsel