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The policies of the Department of Mental Hygiene and the Department of Health are governed by the newly-created State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene which has broad and inclusive powers over both health and mental hygiene. This Board, established by Chapter 841, Acts of 1961, is composed of eleven members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate for six-year terms. Five of the members must be physicians, of whom two are psychiatrists. Of the remaining members, one must be a dentist and each must be qualified in one of the following fields: hospital administration, public administration, nursing, pharmacy, radiation control, and sanitary engineering. No Board member may serve more than two full terms. The Board elects its own officers biennially. Under the terms of the reorganization Act, the new Board replaces the State Board of Health, the Mental Hygiene Advisory Board, and the Mental Hygiene Board of Review (Code 1957, Art. 43, sec. 1A-1G).

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The State Department of Health, established by Chapter 200, Acts of 1874, is governed by the newly-created State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Department is directed by a Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. He must be an experienced physician skilled in public health and certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He is responsible for organizing the Department and carrying out its responsibilities and functions. The Department serves the State through the Baltimore City Health Department, and twenty-three county health departments, each of which is in the charge of a health officer who serves as the Deputy State Health Officer for his county.

The State Department of Health protects the public health through the elimination of environmental hazards, the promotion of individual preventive health supervision (especially in expectant mothers, infants, preschool children and school children), and by the active control of communicable diseases; through the administration of a hospital program for the tuberculous and the chronically ill, a medical care and a hospital inpatient and outpatient program for the indigent and the medically indigent, and a medical and hospital care program for crippled children; and through assistance to local health departments and cooperation with State and Federal agencies, with the medical, dental and other health professions, with private health associations, and with citizens groups in carrying out a wide variety of public health programs (Code 1957, Arts. 27, 30, 43, 77 and 101).