

mission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Of the members, three must be members of paid or volunteer fire companies; three must be representatives of industry, and one must represent the general public. One member must represent Western Maryland, one Central Maryland, one Southern Maryland, one the Washington Metropolitan area, one the Eastern Shore, one Baltimore City, and one the State at large. The Commission is to promulgate regulations for the safeguarding of life and property hazards of fire and explosion. It also appoints the State Fire Marshal and serves as a board of appeals for matters connected with the enforcement of the Code and interpretation of conflicts with local codes.

The State Fire Marshal enforces all laws of the State dealing with the prevention of fires, storage, sale and use of explosives, combustibles, and other dangerous articles in solid, liquid, or gas form, the installation and maintenance of equipment of all sorts intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment; the means and adequacy of exits in case of fire for buildings except from private dwellings and the suppression of arson (Code 1957, 1965 Supp., Art. 38A).

Appropriations	1965	1966
General Funds	\$91,828	\$120,168
Staff: 1965, 12; Staff: 1966, 15.		

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Chairman: George I. Klein, 1966
 J. Thomas Requard, 1966; John L. Knott, 1967; Louis P. Mathews, 1968; H. Morton Rosen, 1969.

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The Maryland Home Improvement Commission, established by Chapter 133, Acts of 1962, consists of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Two members must be from the construction industry, one from the field of finance and two from the general public. The Commission licenses and regulates contractors and salesmen in the home improvement industry, investigates complaints filed by homeowners against improvement companies and takes administrative actions where violations of the law are found (Code 1957, Art. 56, 1965 Supp., secs. 245-267).

Appropriations	1965	1966
General Funds	\$53,671	\$81,132
Staff: 7.		

STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Francis B. Burch, Insurance Commissioner, 1967
 Lewis W. O'Brien, Deputy Commissioner
 Ernest J. Meredith, Chief Examiner
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