

The Maryland State Fair Board, created by Chapter 463, Acts of 1937, and Chapter 493, Acts of 1947, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board encourages and fosters agriculture through the promotion and assistance of bona fide agricultural fairs and exhibits. It extends financial assistance to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 61-63).

Appropriations	1967	1968
Special Funds	\$350,000	\$350,000
Staff: 2.		

INSPECTOR OF TOBACCO STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

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Richard H. Carter, Business Manager

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The Inspector of Tobacco, an office established by Chapter 314, Acts of 1898, is appointed by the Governor and serves at his pleasure. He must be a resident of one of the tobacco growing counties and a tobacco grower or a duly qualified tobacco dealer. The Inspector of Tobacco inspects and grades tobacco grown, sold, or stored within the State of Maryland. He also supervises the State Tobacco Warehouse and all property connected therewith in the City of Baltimore (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 48, secs. 9-54).

Appropriations	1967	1968
Special Funds	\$80,572	\$95,960

MARYLAND TOBACCO AUTHORITY

Chairman: John Schillinger, 1968

Gustav A. Buchheister, 1968; Alfred H. Tolzman, 1968; George Max Beal, 1969; J. Anderson King, 1969; W. George Ward, 1969; Howard R. Cooksey, 1970; Victor E. Marine, 1970.

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The Maryland Tobacco Authority, created by Chapter 61, Acts of Special Session of 1947, is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board elects its own Chairman.

The Authority may investigate and study any phase of tobacco marketing or production in the State, provide information about the tobacco price structure, and make recommendations for legislation to provide more effective handling of tobacco. Along with the buyers and commission agencies it has a voice in fixing marketing periods, and it assures the accuracy of weights and measures used by tobacco commission-selling agencies. The Authority also licenses commission agencies and purchasers, and collects a fee from the owner of tobacco sold at a commission agency. It uses the funds so collected (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 48, secs. 55-73).

From time to time a representative of the Tobacco Authority visits manufacturers in foreign countries, as well as in the United States, to develop markets for Maryland tobacco.