

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION AND FIRE MARSHAL**Fire Prevention Commission**

Chairman: Earl W. Smith, 1971

Vice Chairman: P. Paul Lochary, 1973

Robert C. Byrus, 1970; Joseph Kirby, 1972; Julius E. LeBrell, 1973; John J. Long, 1974; Kenneth N. Prinkey, 1974.

Fire Marshal

James C. Robertson, Fire Marshal

Benjamin R. Benson III, Chief Fire Investigator

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The Fire Prevention Commission was established by Chapter 46, Acts of 1964, to replace the position of ex officio Fire Marshal held by the Insurance Commissioner by Chapter 521, Acts of 1916. The Commission 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, and two 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 Repl. Vol., Art. 38A).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds	\$183,797	\$229,309
Staff, 1969: 19; Staff, 1970: 21.		

MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Chairman: George I. Klein, 1970

J. Thomas Requard, 1970; John L. Knott, 1971; Louis P.

Matthews, 1972; H. Morton Rosen, 1973.

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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, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., secs. 245-269).