

The Commission refers any cases coming to its attention to the appropriate local county society or committee of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland for investigation and report. The report must be acted upon within ninety days unless there is a time extension granted by the Commission. The report must contain such recommendations as the investigation reveals might be necessary for adequate disciplinary procedures. The recommendations will then be considered by the Commission.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$6,460	\$5,160
Staff: None.		

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF MARYLAND

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The practice of Medicine was first regulated in Maryland by Chapter 429, Acts of 1888, which required that the State Board of Health license all physicians. By Chapter 296, Acts of 1892, the General Assembly created two Boards of Medical Examiners to carry on this function, one to represent the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty and the other the State Homeopathic Society. The Legislature of 1957 abolished the Homeopathic Board and the practice of medicine in Maryland is now regulated by one Board, composed of eight members elected from and by the members of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty (State Medical Society). Two members are elected each year to serve for four-year terms. All members must be in active practice in the State (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, secs. 119-149).

The Board tests and licenses physicians for the legal practice of medicine in this State and for certain causes may revoke the license of any physician. Candidates for licenses must be graduates of medical schools approved by the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, or of foreign medical schools that offer an equivalent education. All graduates of foreign medical schools who apply after January 1, 1959, must pass the examination given by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates. The Board determines qualifications for practice by (1) the FLEX (Federal Licensing Examination); or (2) endorsement of licenses obtained in a reciprocating state; or (3) endorsement of a certificate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. FLEX examinations are held in June and December of each year.

Effective June 1, 1967, the Board of Medical Examiners began licensing certain Osteopaths on the basis of endorsement, depending upon their qualifications (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, sec. 124(a2)).

Appropriations	1973	1974
Special Funds	\$109,496	\$108,965
Staff: 4.		