

The Division of Labor and Industry, established by Chapter 211, Acts of 1884, as the Bureau of Statistics and Information, is one of the oldest governmental agencies in this field in the United States, antedating the U. S. Department of Labor by one year. After 1892, the Department was known as the Industrial Bureau. A reorganization in 1916 renamed it the State Board of Labor and Statistics, and concentrated in it powers to enforce all the factory acts. The General Assembly made further changes by Chapter 747, Acts of 1939, and created the present Division by Chapter 938, Acts of 1945, as the Department of Labor and Industry. It adopted its present name by Chapter 402, Acts of 1970.

Under the direction of a Commissioner appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the Governor, and holding office at the pleasure of the Secretary, the Division enforces laws and regulations affecting workers and employers and promotes harmony between industry and labor through mediation and arbitration of labor disputes and the holding of consent collective bargaining elections. In addition to offering the services of Apprenticeship and Training, the Division is responsible for the enforcement of the following laws: Registration of Workshops and Factories (Code 1957, 1976 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, secs. 324-333); Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 48, secs. 167-180); Fee Charging Employment Agencies (Code 1957, 1972 Repl. Vol., Art. 56, secs. 161-170); Arbitration of Labor Disputes (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 89, secs. 3-13); Hours of Labor, Workshops, Factories, etc. (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 89, secs. 25 and 26); Occupational Safety and Health (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 89, secs. 28-48); Apprenticeship and Training (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 89, secs. 50-57); Employment of Minors-Hours of Work in Factories (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 100, secs. 1-51); Equal Pay for Equal Work (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 100, secs. 55A-55H); Wage and Hour Law (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 100, secs. 81-94); and Contracts for Public

Works (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 100, secs. 96-107).

Staff: 1975, 231; 1976, 261;
1977, 261.

AMUSEMENT SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

(Members not yet appointed)

The Amusement Safety Advisory Board was created by Chapter 844, Acts of 1976. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for six year terms. One member represents the amusement ride manufacturers, one the carnival owners, two the amusement park owners, and one the State or county fairs. One of the members must be a mechanical engineer. Three members represent the general public. One of the public members is designated as the Chairman of the Board.

The Board advises, consults with and makes recommendations and proposes such reasonable rules, regulations and standards to the Commissioner for the prevention of conditions detrimental to the public in the use of amusement rides and attractions as the Board finds necessary for the protection and safety of the public (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 89, secs. 65-81).

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Chairman: Sidney C. Blumenthal, 1977

Ex officio member: Harvey A. Epstein,

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Appointed employee organization members:
Harold K. Ritter, 1977; William T. Haycraft, 1979; Bernard A. Carpenter, 1980.

Appointed employer members:
Leonard Lubich, 1979; Raymond J. Mintz, 1980.

Public member: Joseph A. Boston, 1978.

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The Apprenticeship and Training Council, originally created by Chapter 671, Acts of 1966, had its membership altered by