

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, Art. 43, secs. 119-149).

The Board tests and licenses physicians for the legal practice of medicine in the 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); 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, Art. 43, sec. 124(a2)).

#### STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES

*President:* Edith Nickel, R.N., 1980

*Secretary-Treasurer:* Gertrude Hodges, R.N., 1981

Deane F. Fassett, 1979; Gladys Peavy, 1979; Doris H. Reese, 1979; Shirley Lou Smack, 1979; Charles W. Henkle, 1980; Jean S. Frizzell, 1981; Ruth Dorman, 1981.

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This Board, created by Chapter 172, Acts of 1904, as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1973, consists of nine members. Three must be licensed practical nurses and six must be registered nurses, all of whom are appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for three-year terms. As vacancies occur, the Maryland Nurses Association and the Maryland Licensed Practical Nurses Association, as the case may be, submit to the Governor and to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene the names of five of its members from which the Governor selects appointees. The Board examines all applicants for registration as registered nurses and as licensed practical nurses and issues the proper certificates. It keeps a register of the names of all registered nurses and all licensed practical nurses, which is open at all reasonable times to public scrutiny. The Board renews registered nurse and licensed practical nurse licenses biennially. The Board prescribes standards for nursing education programs and surveys such programs as are necessary in order to meet the requirements of the Board (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 290-302).

The Board cooperates with the National League for Nursing in the preparation of its State Board Test Pool Licensing Examinations and uses these examinations.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

*Chairperson:* Marjorie L. C. Maguire, 1979

*Vice-Chairperson:* Sr. Mary Karen McNally, R.N., 1981

Virgil A. Halbert, 1979; John H. Seyle, 1979; Jules I. Cahan, 1980; Patricia Lusk, 1980; Harvey Wertlieb, 1980; Margaret MacGregor, 1981; Jack D. Stoeber, 1981.

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The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators was established by Chapter 262, Acts of 1970, to examine, license, and register nursing home administrators.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for three-year terms. The Governor designates the chairperson and the vice-chairperson, while the