

The State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, originally created by Chapter 606, Acts of 1947, had its membership enlarged by Chapter 742, Acts of 1966, and its membership reduced by Chapter 362, Acts of 1968.

The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for terms of five years each. Initially, two members of the Board were licensed to practice medicine in Maryland and three members were licensed physical therapists, all actively engaged in physical therapy in the State. Upon the termination of the terms of the medical members, each was replaced by a physical therapist. Appointments are made by the Governor from lists submitted to him and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene by the American Physical Therapy Association of Maryland. The Board examines, licenses, and registers physical therapists and physical therapy assistants who wish to practice in Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 604-14).

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The Board of Podiatry Examiners, originally created by Chapter 173, Acts of 1916, received its present name by Chapter 416, Acts of 1965. The Board consists of five podiatry Association and the Maryland State Board of Podiatry Examiners. The Board Examines all persons who wish to practice podiatry in the State. Applicants must have at least two years of education in a recognized college of arts and sciences and be graduates of a college of podiatric medicine recognized by the American Podiatry Association. The examinations, which may be written, oral, or practical, are given twice yearly. The Board also issues annual licenses to all podiatrists engaged in active practice within the State. The Board may, after a hearing, revoke the license of any podiatrist who is charged with malpractice or unethical conduct (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 481-98).

DEPARTMENT OF POST-MORTEM EXAMINERS

MARYLAND POST-MORTEM EXAMINERS COMMISSION

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The Department of Post-Mortem Examiners, created by Chapter 69, Acts of 1939, to replace a decentralized system of local coroners, is directed by a commission composed, and the Professors of Pathology at The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. The Department replaced the coroners of Baltimore City by a chief and two assistant medical examiners, and the county coroners by deputy medical examiners. In 1957 the General Assembly authorized three assistant medical examiners and an assistant toxicologist. In 1965 an additional assistant medical examiner and an immunochemist were added and in 1969 a deputy chief medical examiner and an additional toxicologist were authorized. The Commission appoints all personnel. The medical examiners investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by a physician throughout the State. They must file a report of all deaths investigated with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The records of the Department are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in court as evidence of the facts contained. The county pays the deputy medical examiners for each death investigated. The State pays the salaries of the chief medical examiner, the assistant medical examiners and the toxicologists and the expenses of performing autopsies in the counties and the transportation of bodies incident thereto. All other expenses of the Department are paid by the City of Baltimore (Code 1957, Art 22).