

The Board was assigned to the Department of Licensing and Regulation by Section 5, Chapter 4, Acts of the Special Session of 1973, effective January 1, 1974 (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 299-319).

### **BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR HEARING AID DEALERS**

*Chairperson:* A.W. Hagedorn, 1981

*Secretary:* Lloyd S. Bowling, 1983

Bobby Shockley, 1982; Thoms A. Fisher, 1984;  
Dr. James Gerlach, 1984.

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The Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Dealers, created by Chapter 634, Acts of 1969, consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for five-year terms. The Governor designates the Chairperson. One member must be licensed to practice medicine in Maryland and hold a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otolaryngology. One member must hold a certificate of competence in audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association and have had at least four years of paid work experience in audiology prior to his appointment. The remaining three members must be persons experienced in the sale of hearing aids and be recommended by the Maryland members of the Hearing Aid Dealers Association of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Delaware.

The Board registers and regulates persons furnishing hearing aids. It also tests audiometric testing equipment and inspects the facilities of persons who practice the fitting of hearing aids (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 725-742).

### **MARYLAND HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

*Chairperson:* W. Robert Wallis, 1982

H. Morton Rosen, 1981; J. Thomas Requard, 1982; John L. Knott, Sr., 1979; Louis P. Mathews, 1980.

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The Maryland Home Improvement Commission, established by Chapter 133, Acts of 1962, currently consists of six members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation 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 individuals operating as home improvement contractors, and takes administrative/criminal actions where violations of the law are found (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 245-269).

### **BOARD OF INSPECTION OF HORSE RIDING STABLES**

*Chairperson:* Jacqueline Spell, 1980

*Secretary:* Virginia B. Thackery 1980

Frank Amsden, 1980; Richard Anderson, 1980;  
M. Michael Swindle, 1980.

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The Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables was created by Chapter 474, Acts of 1968. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation for four-year terms. Of the members one shall be a duly qualified and licensed veterinarian, two shall be officers of a county humane society, one shall be an owner of a licensed stable, and one shall be a member of the public. The members of the Board shall select their chairperson. All the members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the standard travel regulations.

The Board makes all necessary rules and regulations for the proper performance of their duties. It also provides for the filing of applications for licenses and makes rules and regulations for the qualifications of applicants. The Board may appoint a qualified inspector and it may designate officers of County Humane Societies, Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and licensed veterinarians to act as its agent and to make routine inspections.

The Board is empowered to license all horse riding stables where one or more horses or ponies are let for hire to be ridden or driven,