

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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The Developmental Disabilities Council, furnished administrative support and guidance by the Office of Regulatory Services, is appointed by the Governor and authorized by Public Law 95-602. The Council is an advocate and representative of almost 153,000 developmentally disabled persons in Maryland. The Council provides information and referral sources within Maryland, contributes to State and federal legislation pertinent to the handicapped, and draws attention to issues impacting on the disabled population.

## DIVISION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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The functions of examining, licensing, and surveillance of health professionals in Maryland are conducted by this component of Regulatory Services. Numerous boards and commissions, established to regulate a wide range of health professionals, are provided assistance and support by the Boards and Commissions Division. In addition, nominations and recommendations for board and commission membership are coordinated by this division for approval by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and by the Governor, as appropriate.

## THE ANATOMY BOARD OF MARYLAND

*Chairperson:* Lloyd Guth, M.D., *University of Maryland School of Medicine*

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The Anatomy Board of Maryland, an ex officio body officially created by Chapter 669, Acts of

1947, had its membership altered by Chapter 436, Acts of 1975 and by Chapter 195, Acts of 1977. The Board now consists of two representatives from each of the departments of anatomy of medical schools in the State of Maryland and one representative of the Department of Anatomy of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. The members of the Board are designated by the administrative officers of each school. The purpose of the agency is to ensure the proper distribution of bodies to qualified hospitals, medical schools, and other agencies engaged in medical education and research. Such bodies are used only for medical education and research. If, however, a body is claimed for burial by relatives it is surrendered for interment. The Board also carries out the provisions in the laws regulating Consent to Post Mortem Examination (Chapter 315, Acts of 1961) and the Anatomical Gift Act (Chapter 467, Acts of 1968). Bodies are distributed chiefly to The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the University of Maryland Schools of Medicine and Dentistry according to an arranged plan (Code 1957, Art. 43, secs. 158-161).

## CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARDS OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES

A Citizens Advisory Board to each of the State's mental, chronically ill, and mental retardation facilities (except the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center) was established by Chapter 499, Acts of 1972.

Each Advisory Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor from a list of names submitted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Terms are for four years, and no member may serve more than two full consecutive terms.

Members of the Boards must be citizens of the State and residents of the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, in the region served by each facility, and known for their interest in civic and public affairs and their concern about the care of the mentally ill, mentally retarded, or chronically ill. At least two members of each board must be parents or relatives of patients, or former patients, of the host facility or a similar State facility. Each Board elects its own officers.

Each Board serves in an advisory capacity to its facility. The Board advises the superintendent in the determination of the hospital goals and assists in evaluating the achievement of such goals.