

By Chapter 909, Acts of 1978, the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice was created to administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions of the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act. The Board evaluates the qualifications of applicants for licensure, and supervises the examinations of applicants. It keeps a current list of licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

The Board consists of five members appointed for three-year terms by the Governor on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Board includes three licensed occupational therapists, one licensed occupational therapy assistant, and one consumer member, appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate, who cannot have been trained as an occupational therapist or have a financial interest in a related field. Occupational therapy members are appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association.

Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1994 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 9-201 through 9-502).

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

President: James Poland, O.D., 1988

Secretary: Sanford E. Blas, O.D., 1985

Harold S. Glazier, 1985; Egan R. Werthamer, O.D., 1985; Ivan Tellis, O.D., 1987; Wendy S. Rothman, O.D., 1989; Gustav C. Zucco, 1989.

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Created by Chapter 652, Acts of 1914, the Board of Examiners in Optometry administers the optometry laws of the State and regulates the practice of optometry. It examines, licenses, and registers applicants, and for just cause the Board may revoke any certificate of registration or examination.

The Board consists of six persons appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for five-year terms from a list submitted by the Maryland Association of Optometrists. The sixth member is a consumer, appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Secretary with the advice and consent of the Senate, who cannot have training as an optometrist or a financial interest in a related field.

Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1993 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 10-201 through 10-602).

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

President: Bernard B. Lachman, 1986

Robert E. Snyder, 1985; Estelle Cohen, 1986; Leonard J. De Mino, 1986; Paul Freiman, 1987; Anthony G. Padussis, 1988; William E. Adams, 1989; Ralph A. Small, Jr., 1989.

Executive Director: Roslyn Sheer

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The State Board of Pharmacy, created by Chapter 179, Acts of 1902, licenses pharmacists by examination and reciprocity. It also conducts a biennial re-registration program for pharmacists. The Board issues permits for the operation of retail pharmacies and for the manufacture of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, dentifrices, and cosmetics. The Board also licenses jobbers, distributors, and wholesalers or manufacturers of dangerous (prescription) drugs. In cooperation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Board enforces the pharmacy and drug laws of the State.

Board members and duly authorized agents of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene inspect all pharmacies or other places where prescriptions, medicines, drugs, drug products, or domestic remedies are compounded or sold. They also inspect prescriptions, medicines, drugs, drug products, or domestic products exposed for sale. Druggists and pharmacists are required to keep in their places of business a suitable book or file in which to preserve for a period of not less than five years every prescription compounded or dispensed.

The Board consists of eight members. Six are skilled pharmacists and two are consumer representatives. All are appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for five-year terms. Each pharmacist member of the Board is selected from a list of recommendations submitted by the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association. The consumer members are appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate and cannot have had training as a pharmacist or have a financial interest in a related field. Two members must be residents of Baltimore City, two must be residents of the counties of the State, and three must be from the State at large. The Board may designate an executive director.