

DIVISION OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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Established in 1884 as the Bureau of Statistics and Information, the Division of Labor and Industry is one of the oldest governmental agencies in this field in the United States, antedating the U.S. Department of Labor by one year (Chapter 211, Acts of 1884). After 1892 the Department was known as the Industrial Bureau. A reorganization in 1916 renamed it the State Board of Labor and Statistics and gave it enforcement powers for all factory acts. The General Assembly made further changes by Chapter 747, Acts of 1939, and created the present Division in 1945 as the Department of Labor and Industry (Chapter 938, Acts of 1945). It adopted its present name by Chapter 402, Acts of 1970.

The Commissioner is appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the Governor and holds office at the pleasure of the Secretary. Under the direction of the Commissioner, the Division enforces laws and regulations affecting workers and employers and promotes harmony between industry and labor through mediation and arbitration of labor disputes and the holding of consent collective bargaining elections.

The Division is organized into seven sections which administer the following laws:

Employment Standards: Hours of Labor (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 25 and 26), Employment of Minors (Code 1957, Art. 100, secs. 4-14), Equal Pay for Equal Work (Code 1957, Art. 100, secs. 55A-55H), Farm Labor Contractor Registration (Code 1957, Art. 100, secs. 80A-80F), Wage and Hour Law (Code 1957, Art. 100, secs. 81-93), Lie Detector Tests (Code 1957, Art. 100, sec. 95), Medical Questions (Code 1957, Art. 100, sec. 95A), Contracts for Public Works (Code 1957, Art. 21, secs. 8-501 through 8-515), Wage Payment and Collection (Code 1957, Art. 100, sec. 94).

Railroad Safety: Railroad Safety and Health (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 82-99).

Mediation and Conciliation: Arbitration of Labor Disputes (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 1-13).

Safety Inspection: Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety (Code 1957, Art. 48, secs. 167-180); Smoking on Elevators (Code 1957, Art. 89, sec. 64); Amusement Park Safety (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 65-81); Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators, and Moving Walks (Code 1957, Art. 89, sec. 49B).

Research and Information: Registration of Workshops and Factories (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 324-333).

Occupational Safety and Health: Occupational Safety and Health (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 28-49C).

Employment Agencies: Fee Charging Employment Agencies (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 161-170).

Authorization for the Division continues until July 1, 1994 (Chapter 222, Acts of 1984).

AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Chairperson: N. William Miller, 1988

Howard M. Mosner, Jr., 1985; Edward D. Hilbert, 1986; Richard E. Marchant, 1986; Emil Germanos, 1987; Granville D. Trimper, 1987; Michael H. Jones, 1988; Melvin J. Kodenski, 1988; Ralph E. Shaw, 1988.

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The Amusement Safety Advisory Board was created by Chapter 844, Acts of 1976. It was renamed the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board by Chapter 476, Acts of 1979. The Board makes recommendations and proposes reasonable regulations and standards to the Commissioner for the prevention of conditions detrimental to the public in the use of amusement rides and attractions and for the protection and safety of the public.

The Board consists of nine members appointed for six-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member represents the amusement ride manufacturers, one the carnival owners, two the amusement park owners, and one the State or county fairs. One member must be a mechanical engineer. Three members represent