

Through the cooperation of local chapters of the surveying fraternities, the Board seeks to secure voluntary compliance with the law and maintain the ethical standards of the profession. The Board also has specific powers to enforce the provisions of the registration law or to restrain any violations of it. It can investigate charges, as well as hear complaints of violations, subpoena witnesses and the submission of documents or other pertinent data, and apply for relief by injunction.

The Board consists of six members appointed to five-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. Two members are selected from the public at large, three are professional land surveyors, and one is a property line surveyor. The professional land surveyors and property line surveyor may be selected from nominees recommended by the Maryland Society of Surveyors. The Board is a member of the Maryland Society of Professional Land Surveyors, which aids in the reciprocal licensing of surveyors and seeks to promote uniform standards of licensing in all states.

Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1993 (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 330-344A).

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Chairperson: Robert W. Black, Jr., 1985

Elizabeth Haynes, 1985; Robert J. Aumiller, 1986; Charles B. Edelson, 1986; Charles J. Fleming, 1986; George O. Sparks, Jr., 1986; Pamela D. King, 1987.

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The Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy was established by Chapter 719, Acts of 1900. The Board examines applicants for certificates as certified public accountants, passes on applications by certified public accountants of other states for reciprocal certificates, and enrolls certified public

accountants, corporations, and partnerships engaging in certified public accounting services.

Examinations are held in May and November of each year. The Board issues certificates to those persons who pass the examinations or whose applications for reciprocal certificates are approved. The Board may for specified causes revoke or suspend any such certificate, registration, or enrollment after written notice to the holder and reasonable opportunity for a hearing. The 1970 General Assembly established minimum educational requirements for applicants and gave the Board jurisdiction over professional ethics.

Consisting of seven members, the Board is appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. Three members must be currently-enrolled certified public accountants. Two members represent the public. One member must be a full-time college professor in the field of accounting at an accredited institution and hold a Maryland public accountancy certificate. One member must be a practicing attorney who is not a certified public accountant.

Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1994 (Code 1957, Art. 75A, secs. 1-23A).

LICENSURE OF SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METALS AND GEM DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS

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In 1981 the General Assembly authorized the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation to license every individual dealer in secondhand precious metals and gems in the State (Chapter 436, Acts of 1981). This licensure was extended in 1982 to cover pawnbrokers (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 416-427).

Defunct Departmental Agencies

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Transferred to Department of Employment and Training by Chapter 64, Acts of 1983.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS AND SUPERVISORS

Placed under the jurisdiction of Baltimore City, effective April 30, 1983 (Baltimore City Council Ordinance no. 931).