

exits in public buildings, and suppression of arson (Code 1957, Art. 38A).

HANDGUN PERMIT REVIEW BOARD

Chairperson: Donald A. Westcott, 1987

Oscar T. Jobe, 1985; Elmer E. Horscy, 1986; II. Theodore Frantum, Jr., 1987; Rev. Mervin C. Gray, 1987.

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The Handgun Permit Review Board was created by Chapter 13, Acts of 1972.

Any person whose application for a handgun permit or renewal of a permit has been rejected or whose permit has been revoked or limited may ask the Board to review the decision of the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The Board can either sustain, reverse, or modify the decision of the Superintendent, or conduct a hearing to establish the facts.

From the general public the Governor appoints the Board's five members with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members serve three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 27, sec. 36E).

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Paulette Tudor Wirsching, 1988

Joseph S. Matricciani, 1985; James L. Thomas, 1985; Clarence E. Hawkins, 1986; Herbert Matz, 1987; John S. Ward, 1987; Donald A. Millard, 1988.

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The Inmate Grievance Commission was formed in 1971 to adjudicate inmate grievances and complaints (Chapter 210, Acts of 1971). Any person confined to an institution within the Division of Correction, or otherwise in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction or confined to the Patuxent Institution, may submit any grievance or complaint against any official or employee of the Division of Correction or Patuxent Institution to the Inmate Grievance Commission.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed for four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services. At least two members

are lawyers qualified to practice law in the State, and at least two are persons of knowledge and experience in one or more of the fields under the jurisdiction of the Department. The Governor designates the chairperson with the advice of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Secretary, with the advice of the Commission and approval of the Governor, appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 204F).

DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION

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The Division of Parole and Probation was originally created by Chapter 406, Acts of 1939, to administer State parole and probation laws. By Chapter 653, Acts of 1953, the Division changed its name to the Department of Parole and Probation. The Division was further reorganized by Chapter 457, Acts of 1968, with the creation of a Division of Parole and Probation separate from the Board of Parole. The Division adopted its present name by Chapter 401, Acts of 1970.

The Director of the Division of Parole and Probation is the head of the agency. The Director is appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the approval of the Governor and the advice and consent of the Senate, and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

The Division supervises the conduct of parolees and adult probationers. It regularly informs the Maryland Parole Commission of parolees' activities and notifies the District or Circuit Courts of probationers' activities. The Division recommends, at its discretion, that the Commission issue warrants for the retaking of parolees charged with violation of parole. Warrants are also requested from the courts for the apprehension of probationers charged with violation of the conditions of their probation.

The Division uses a case management system that classifies offenders based upon their risk of continued criminal activity and their need for services. Services to clients include counseling, casework, diagnosis of substance abuse and other problems, and referrals to community treatment programs. The Division also uses citizen volunteers to aid in the counseling and supervision of parolees and probationers.