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The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority was created by Chapter 408, Acts of 1970. The Authority was established to enable private non-profit health and higher educational facilities to use the Authority as a vehicle to issue tax-exempt bonds and thereby pay a lower rate of interest.

The Authority consists of one ex officio member and eight members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The Governor designates the chairperson and the vice-chairperson. The Authority appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 43C).

HEALTH CLAIMS ARBITRATION OFFICE

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The Health Claims Arbitration Office was created by Chapter 235, Acts of 1976. Any person asserting a claim against a health care provider, for damages in excess of \$5,000 and due to medical injury, must file the claim with the Health Claims Arbitration Office. The Director is responsible for notifying all affected parties and for supplying a list of qualified arbitrators, five from each of three categorical lists, from each of which one mutually agreed upon arbitrator is chosen to sit on a three-person arbitration panel. That panel then must determine the issue of liability with respect to the claim and, if it determines that a health care provider is liable, it must consider and assess appropriate damages. The decision of the arbitration panel is final, unless rejected by any party, in which case the rejecting party must file an appeal action at the circuit court level to reverse or modify the award.

The Office is headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director is responsible for preparing three lists of qualified persons willing to serve as arbitrators of health care malpractice claims. One list consists of attorneys, one of health care providers, and one of persons from the general public who are neither attorneys, health care providers, nor in the employ of insurance interests.

HERRING RUN PUBLIC WATERSHED ASSOCIATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: John Carroll Byrnes

Mary Dolan, *Regional Planning Council*; Jody Landers, *Baltimore City*; Norman W. Lauenstein, *Baltimore County Council*; Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning*; Samuel R. Martin, *Regional Planning Council*; Dennis C. McCoy, *House of Delegates*; Michael Nelson, *Department of Natural Resources*; Paul Solomon, *Baltimore County*; Adele Wilzack, *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*.

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The Herring Run Public Watershed Association Commission was formed in 1978 to provide for regional cooperation of the State, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County on flood control, water quality, and watershed management of the Herring Run Public Watershed (Chapter 992, Acts of 1978). The Watershed is the land and water area from which all water drains to and from the Herring Run. It includes the Herring Run, West Herring Run, Chinquapin Run, Moores Run, and Armistead Creek.

The Commission consists of the Secretaries of Natural Resources, State Planning, and Health and Mental Hygiene, or their designees; two members from Baltimore City selected by the Mayor; two members from Baltimore County chosen by the County Executive; and two members named by the Baltimore Regional Planning Council. Of the six county and city members, at least one is from the county or city legislative body, and at least one is a General Assembly member.

The Commission is authorized to appoint an advisory committee of interested citizens (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1701 through 8-1706).

STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Chairperson: Thomas H. Maddux, 1987

Joseph Harrison Ager, 1985; Mary L. Nock, 1985; Gertrude H. Crist, 1986; Thelma B. Cox, 1986; Anne O. Emery, 1986; Lucy Kecker, 1987; Richard R. Kline, 1988; Philip Pear, 1988; Bernard T. Devaney, 1989; Harry B. Smith, 1989; Kimberly McFann, *non-voting student member*, 1985.