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The Department of Agriculture traces its origin to the Maryland Agricultural College, chartered in 1856. (The College was consolidated in 1920 with the University of Maryland.) Trustees of the college served as the State Board of Agriculture (Chapter 326, Acts of 1888). This board was abolished when the Department of Agriculture was created in 1972 (Chapter 342, Acts of 1972). In the same year, the following agencies were abolished and their functions transferred to the Department: the State Horticultural Department, the State Entomologist, the State Pathologist, the State Horticulturist, the Department of Drainage, the State Drainage Engineer, and the Maryland State Department of Markets (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-107).

The Department of Agriculture consists of the Office of the Secretary, Office of Animal Health and Consumer Services, Office of Plant Industries and Resource Conservation, and Office of Marketing and Agricultural Development. The Department also includes a Board of Review, and the Maryland Agricultural Commission. The Secretary appoints the State Chemist, State Veterinarian, and the Chief of Weights and Measures.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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The Office of the Secretary is responsible for the overall executive direction and leadership of the Department.

The Secretary is the chief executive officer for the Department and is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

This office includes the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, internal audit and public information functions, and the centralized administrative functions of the Administrative Services Section, including fiscal services, data processing, personnel, and central services (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-108).

BOARD OF REVIEW

Angelo F. Palmisano, *Chairperson*, 1987

Paul A. Crowl, 1987; J. Walter Hastings, Jr., 1987; John C. Herbst, 1988; Margaret G. Prouty, 1988; Charles E. Brown, 1990; Roger L. Richardson, 1990.

(Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-405).

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Chairperson: Paul V. Twining, Jr., 1987

Edward Allen, 1987; Alan L. Brauer, Sr., 1987; G. Walter Ewalt, 1987; Thomas G. Mason, 1987; Norman G. Fischer, 1988; Samuel B. Foad, Jr., 1988; Edward W. Quidas, Jr., 1988; W. Drew Stabler, 1988; John W. Strickland, 1988; Henry