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The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was established in 1894 (Chapter 273, Acts of 1894). The Board passes upon the qualifications of candidates for licenses to practice veterinary medicine in the State and examines such persons. It may conduct hearings and pass upon complaints of illegal or unethical practices or sanitarian requirements and may institute proceedings in the courts against those engaged in illegal practices.

The Board is composed of seven members. They are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for five-year terms. Each appointment is made from a list of at least three names for each vacancy submitted to the Governor by the Secretary of Agriculture. Five members are veterinarians who are licensed and registered and have engaged, at some time, in active practice for five years. Of these five, two must have devoted practices predominantly to large animals. Two members of the Board must not be veterinarians (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-313).

#### **Veterinary Technician Committee**

*Chairperson:* Victor I. Sorgen, D.V.M.

John R. Brooks, D.V.M.; Paul F. Deal, D.V.M.; Anne Lehman; Harry L. Schultz, Jr., D.V.M.; Jack Stewart; John D. Strandberg, D.V.M.

The Veterinary Technician Committee was created in 1984 as part of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Chapter 640, Acts of 1984). The Committee, subject to the Board's approval, registers and regulates veterinary technicians. It determines the qualifications for applicants, recommends the content and form of examinations, and establishes continuing education requirements for veterinary technicians. The Committee also defines the duties and responsibilities of registered veterinary technicians.

The Committee consists of seven members appointed by the State Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

#### **BOARD OF INSPECTION OF HORSE RIDING STABLES**

*Chairperson:* Virginia B. Thackeray, 1988

Diana Lee Bobbie, 1988; James Pelura III, D.V.M., 1988; Pauline Buel, 1989; Judith E. McGaughan, 1989.

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The Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables, created by Chapter 474, Acts of 1968, was transferred from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Agriculture in 1980 (Chapter 618, Acts of 1980).

The Board is empowered to license all horse riding stables where one or more horses or ponies are let for hire to be ridden or driven. It also licenses establishments that stable five or more horses for pay, sales barns, and establishments where five or more horses are sold per year.

With the approval of the Secretary, the Board may appoint a qualified inspector and designate officers of county Humane Societies, Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and licensed veterinarians to act as its agents and to make routine inspections.

The Board consists of five members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture. One member is a duly qualified and licensed veterinarian, two are officers of county humane societies, one is an owner of a licensed stable, and one is a public member (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-719).

#### **OFFICE OF MARKETING AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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In 1987, the Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation was renamed the Office of Marketing and Agricultural Development. The Director is responsible for planning, coordinating, directing, and implementing all programs and activities of the Office of Marketing and Agricultural Development. Units within the Office include Marketing Services, the Agricultural Statistical Service, the Agricultural Fair Board, the Apple Commission, the Tobacco Authority, and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation