

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

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Formerly under the Office of Licensing and Certification, the Division of Drug Control was reorganized in 1987 as the Office of Drug Control and placed under the Community Health Surveillance Administration. The Office is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 276-302). The Office's programs deal primarily with physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, manufacturers, distributors, nonpharmacy establishments, and pharmacies. The Office ensures the availability of drugs for legitimate medical and scientific purposes and works to prevent drug abuse.

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Formerly the Laboratories Administration, the Laboratories Office became part of the Community Health Surveillance Administration in 1987. The Office has broad responsibilities for making a wide variety of laboratory tests to help physicians and health officials prevent, diagnose, and control human diseases. The Office performs examinations in connection with the enforcement of the State's health laws, and the chemical, microbiological, and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, water, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, hazardous wastes, and bedding and upholstery. Laboratory tests are conducted to support State occupational safety and health regulations and to enforce pure food and drug laws.

The Office licenses all medical laboratories, tissue banks, and physician office laboratories to ensure that they comply with minimum standards and personnel qualifications. It also certifies laboratories that examine water and dairy products involved in shipments out of Maryland and periodically inspects all such laboratories to assure compliance.

In addition to the Central Laboratory in Baltimore, there are eight branch laboratories throughout the State.

YOUTH CAMP SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: not yet chosen

Lloyd E. Elling, 1987; G. Ralph Gorrell, 1987; Stephen M. Owens, 1987; David L. Resh, Jr., 1987; Charlotte R. Blum, 1988; Stephen Eller, 1988; Barbara Hesse, 1988; Shirley L. Shor, 1988; Tresa Fleisher, 1989; Julian W. Lewis, 1989; Siegfried Gerstung, 1989.

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The Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council was established in 1986 (Chapter 116, Acts of 1986). The Council helps the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene develop and review regulations for certifying youth camps. These regulations cover safety procedures, sanitation, medical services, water supplies, sewage disposal, refuse collection and disposal, fire and safety standards, personnel screening procedures, and reporting systems for fatalities, serious illnesses or accidents. Before October 1, 1987, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is to adopt such regulations. All youth camps are to comply with the regulations after May 15, 1988.

Annually, the Council reports to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the number of youth camps, facilities in each county, and campers.

The Council consists of eleven members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the advice and consent of the Senate. Members include a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; a camping leader with professional experience who does not own or manage a youth camp; an owner or manager of a nonprofit youth camp; an owner or manager of a youth camp operating for profit; an owner or manager of a youth camp accredited by the American Camping Association; and an owner or manager of a youth camp not accredited by the Association. The Council also includes one member of the public; two members from local health departments from two counties; and two members from national camping organizations, such as Scouting and 4-H Clubs (Code Health—General Article, secs. 14-401 through 14-411).