

may act as incorporators to form a credit union and apply to the State Bank Commissioner for permission to organize.

The State Bank Commissioner supervises all State-chartered credit unions and is required to examine these institutions at least once each year. All credit unions must report annually to the Commissioner (Code Financial Institutions Article, secs. 6-101 through 6-704).

State-chartered credit unions may be insured by the National Credit Union Administration or the Credit Union Insurance Corporation (Chapter 658, Acts of 1973). The State Bank Commissioner must certify to the Corporation a credit union's financial affairs, solvency, management, and directorship as being approved for insurance of its members' shares and deposit accounts (Code Financial Institutions Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-117).

The Sellers of Money Orders and Traveler's Checks Law requires the State Bank Commissioner to supervise and regulate persons issuing checks, drafts, and money orders for a fee. Persons who wish to transact such business in Maryland must procure an annual license from the Commissioner. All such persons must report periodically to the Commissioner on agent charges, financial structure, and other conditions relative to their functions under the Law (Code Financial Institutions Article, secs. 12-401 through 12-424).

The Maryland Higher Education Loan Corporation is subject to supervision by the State Bank Commissioner (Code Education Article, secs. 18-1001 through 18-1014).

Mortgage brokers or mortgage bankers are required to be licensed by the State Bank Commissioner and pay an annual license fee. The Commissioner may reprimand a licensee and deny, suspend, or revoke a license (Code Financial Institutions Article, secs. 12-501 through 12-512).

The Commissioner's office also handles consumer complaints against persons and institutions under its jurisdiction.

Appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the Governor, the State Bank Commissioner holds office at the pleasure of the Secretary. Authorization for the State Bank Commissioner continues until July 1, 1992 (Code Financial Institutions Article, sec. 2-401).

BANKING BOARD

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Licensing & Regulation: Sarethia Gaskins Green, 1988; Reese F. Cropper, Jr., 1989; Frank A. Mucha, 1990; William W. Cowie, Jr., 1991;

Margaret M. Murphy, 1992; Harry Deitchman, 1994; *one vacancy*.

Ex officio: Louis L. Goldstein, *Comptroller of the Treasury*

The Banking Board was established in 1935 (Chapter 489, Acts of 1935). The Board advises the State Bank Commissioner on any matter concerning the business of any State banking institution. The Board also assists the Commissioner with approval or disapproval of applications by banking institutions and foreign banking corporations. If the Commissioner does not follow the Banking Board's advice, the Commissioner must notify the Board in writing of the reason for the action.

The Board is composed of the Comptroller of the Treasury and seven members appointed to six-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. One member represents the Baltimore Clearing House, one the Associated Mutual Savings Banks of Baltimore, and one the Maryland State Bankers' Association. One member is an economist, and one a certified public accountant, neither of whom may be employed by any banking institution. Two members represent the general public (Code Financial Institutions Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-204).

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The Division of Savings and Loan Associations was created in 1961 as the Department of Building, Savings and Loan Associations (Chapter 205, Acts of 1961). It received its present name in 1980 (Chapter 856, Acts of 1980). In 1986, the Savings and Loan Law that governs the Division was recodified (Chapter 282, Acts of 1986).

The Division supervises and regulates the organization and operations of State-chartered savings and loan associations. At least once every year, or at any time the Director requires, the Division must examine the affairs of each association to determine compliance with the Savings and Loan Law.

The Law covers investments, withdrawal of accounts, taxation, promotional activities, management, and functions of such businesses, including class and type of securities, and allocation of profits, reserves, and dividends. The Law also addresses new charters, branching, consolidation, merger, and dissolution of associations.