

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A. Cleveland Brown, V.M.D., *President*, 1994

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Helen R. Remsburg, 1991; Hans J. Phillips, 1992; Joseph R. McCrea, D.V.M., 1993; William H. Carr, V.M.D., 1994; Sandra O. Karn, D.V.M., 1994; Melvin D. Howard, D.V.M., 1995.

Beverly Raymond, *Inspector*

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The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was formed in 1894 (Chapter 273, Acts of 1894). The Board examines candidates for licenses to practice veterinary medicine in the State and judges their qualifications. It registers veterinarians annually, inspects veterinary hospitals, and may conduct hearings and pass upon complaints of illegal or unethical practices or sanitarian requirements. Court proceedings may be instituted by the Board against persons engaged in illegal practices.

The Board is composed of seven members. They are appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent for five-year terms. Each appointment is made from a list of at least three names per vacancy submitted to the Governor by the Secretary of Agriculture. Five members are licensed and registered veterinarians who have engaged in active practice for five years. Of the five members, two must have practices devoted predominantly to large animals. Two members of the Board must not be veterinarians. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-313).

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN COMMITTEE

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

Appointed by State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners with approval of Secretary of Agriculture: John R. Brooks, D.V.M.; Paul F. Deal, D.V.M.; Edward W. Jendrek, D.V.M.; Anne Lehman; Jack Stewart; John D. Strandberg, D.V.M.

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In 1984, the Veterinary Technician Committee was organized as part of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Chapter 640, Acts of 1984). Subject to the Board's approval, the Committee 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 duties and responsibilities of registered veterinary technicians.

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

BOARD OF INSPECTION OF HORSE RIDING STABLES

Virginia B. Thackeray, *Chairperson*, 1992

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Agriculture: Abner League, 1992; James Pelura III, D.V.M., 1992; Carol E. Hackney, 1993; Judith E. McGaughan, 1993.

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Created in 1968, the Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables was transferred from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Agriculture in 1980 (Chapter 474, Acts of 1968; Chapter 618, Acts of 1980). The Board licenses 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 annually five or more horses are sold.

With the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, 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 make 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 licensed veterinarian, two are officers of county humane societies, one is an owner of a licensed stable, and one is a public member. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-701 through 2-719).

OFFICE OF MARKETING & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Ralph H. Hemphill, *Director*

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In 1987, the Office of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation was renamed the Office of Marketing and Agricultural Development. Service oriented, the Office assists and supports the agricultural community in marketing; product promotion; land preservation; and control of agriculturally related, nonpoint source pollution.

Within the Office are four sections: Marketing Services, Seafood Marketing, Grading Services and