

PREVAILING WAGE

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The Prevailing Wage Unit was established in 1969. The Unit determines the prevailing hourly rate of wages for the same or similar work performed in a locality by various kinds of workers and apprentices required to execute a contemplated contract. In addition, the Unit audits payrolls submitted by contractors and conducts on-site inspections to ensure that proper wages are being paid for the work performed (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 17-201 through 17-226).

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PREVAILING WAGE RATES

Vacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair) with advice of Secretary of Licensing & Regulation and Senate advice & consent: William A. Cather, 1990; Jerry M. Sheppard, 1991; Michael G. Callas, 1992; Charles Labo, 1992; one vacancy.

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The Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates was created in 1969 (Chapter 558, Acts of 1969). It advises the Commissioner of Labor and Industry on hourly wage rates applicable to contracts and subcontracts for public works within the State. The Council establishes standards for hours of work and rates of pay, conditions of employment, and duties of certain public officials under certain contracts and subcontracts for public works in Maryland. The Council also calls upon other agencies of State and local government for statistical data and reports.

The Council has six members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Two members represent management in the building and construction industry, two represent labor in the building and construction industry, and two are public representatives. The Governor designates a chairperson annually. Authorization for the Council continues until July 1, 1994 (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, sec. 18-513).

RAILROAD SAFETY & HEALTH

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Created in 1980, the Railroad Safety and Health Program conducts inspections to ensure enforcement of State and federal railroad safety requirements (Chapter 834, Acts of 1980). The Program

also investigates railroad-related accidents and incidents and responds to citizen complaints involving railroad companies operating in Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 82-99).

SAFETY INSPECTION

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By enacting the Amusement Ride Safety Law in 1976, the General Assembly provided an inspection and enforcement program to assure the safety of the public in the use of amusement rides and attractions (Chapter 844, Acts of 1976). The Commissioner of Labor and Industry administers and enforces this law, which covers amusement rides and attractions erected permanently or temporarily at carnivals, fairs, and amusement parks (Code 1957, Art. 89, secs. 65-81).

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Inspection Unit inspects boilers and pressure vessels used in commercial establishments, places of public gathering, and apartment buildings with six or more units (Code 1957, Art. 48, secs. 167-180A). The Unit ensures the safe operation of those boilers and pressure vessels by performing periodic inspections and by close monitoring of all repair work. Any boiler or pressure vessel to be installed in Maryland must be built to a standardized nationwide construction code, the *American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is responsible for the inspection and certification of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks throughout Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 89, sec. 49B). Under the Elevator Safety Inspection Program, inspections are conducted in accordance with the *American National Standard Safety (ANSI) Code for Elevators and Escalators*.

AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Therese Breza, *Chairperson*, 1994

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair) with Senate advice & consent: Howard M. Mosner, Jr., 1991; Shirley Beard Colvin, 1992; Bernice W. Newsome, 1992; Emil G. Germanos, 1993; Granville D. Trimper, 1993; John F. Burgan, 1994; Michael H. Jones, 1994; Ralph E. Shaw, 1994.

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The Amusement Safety Advisory Board originated in 1976 (Chapter 844, Acts of 1976). It was renamed the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board in 1979 (Chapter 476, Acts of 1979). The Board recommends to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry regulations and standards to prevent conditions in amusement rides and attractions detrimental to the public health and safety.