

The Board is composed of thirteen members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor on recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Three members must be professional audiologists, three must be licensed speech-language pathologists, three must be licensed hearing aid dispensers, and two must be physicians licensed to practice medicine in Maryland and hold an American Board of Otolaryngology certificate of qualification. Two members are consumers appointed with Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-501).

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners was established in 1920 (Chapter 666, Acts of 1920). The Board examines applicants for licenses and addresses complaints in consultation with the Investigative Unit and the Office of the Attorney General. The Board conducts two examinations per year—one in March and one in September. It ascertains whether schools of chiropractic meet the requirements of the law. Each person holding a chiropractic license in Maryland must renew it every two years with the secretary of the Board.

The Board consists of six members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Senate advice and consent. Four must be licensed chiropractors nominated by the Maryland Chiropractic Association. Two members are consumers. Members serve four-year terms. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-602).

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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Established in 1884, the State Board of Dental Examiners regulates the practice of dentistry by testing the qualifications of candidates for licenses in dentistry and in dental hygiene (Chapter 150, Acts of 1884).

All applicants for license to practice dentistry must be graduates of accredited dental colleges authorized to grant degrees in dental surgery by the laws of one of the United States or a province of Canada. For a license to practice dental hygiene, all applicants must be graduates of a school for dental hygienists that requires at least two years of study

and is approved by the State Board of Dental Examiners. Examinations, held twice a year, are both written and practical. Every dentist and dental hygienist must renew their license to practice every two years.

The Board also certifies dental radiation technologists. An individual may not practice dental radiation technology in Maryland unless certified by the Board.

The Governor appoints the Board's twelve members for four-year terms with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Board includes nine licensed dentists, one licensed dental hygienist, and two consumer members. The Governor appoints the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary and Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 4-101 through 4-702).

STATE BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE

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The State Board of Dietetic Practice was created in 1985 to protect the public by setting standards for the practice of dietetics in Maryland (Chapter 773, Acts of 1985). The Board licenses dietitians and nutritionists in Maryland. Licenses to practice dietetics must be renewed with the Board every two years.

The Board has seven members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. Two are consumers and five are dietitians or nutritionists. Dietitian or nutritionist members must be licensed to practice dietetics in Maryland. Of these, one must be engaged primarily in clinical dietetic practice, one in community or public health dietetic practice, one in consulting dietetic practice, and the fifth a faculty member in the field of dietetics or nutritional science. Dietitian members must have practiced dietetics for at least five of the past ten years. The Governor appoints the dietitian and licensed nutritionist members with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Senate advice and consent. These members are selected from a list of ten dietitians and licensed nutritionists submitted jointly by the Maryland Dietetic Association, the Maryland Chapter of the American Nutritionists Association, and the presidents of Maryland institutions of higher education which graduate dietetic practitioners. Consumer members may not be dietitians or licensed nutritionists or have any household members who are, and they may not have a financial interest in providing goods or services to dietitians or licensed nutritionists, or dietary goods or services to consumers. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1995 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-502).