

The Board consists of eleven members appointed for six-year terms by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with the approval of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Labor and Employment Article, secs. 5-301 through 5-305).

PREVAILING WAGE

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The Prevailing Wage Unit began 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 State-funded construction contract. The Unit also 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

William A. Cather, *Chair*, 1996
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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 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. The Governor designates a chair annually. Authorization for the Council continues until July 1, 2004 (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, sec. 17-203).

SAFETY INSPECTION

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Safety Inspection oversees programs for railroad, amusement ride and elevator safety, as well as boiler and pressure vessel safety.

RAILROAD SAFETY & HEALTH

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Formed 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).

AMUSEMENT RIDE & ELEVATOR SAFETY INSPECTION

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Enacted in 1976, the Amusement Ride Safety Law provides an inspection and enforcement program to ensure 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 Business Regulation Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-601).

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 Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators*.

STATE AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Joseph H. Black, *Chair*, 1998
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The State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board originated in 1976 as the Amusement Safety Advisory Board (Chapter 844, Acts of 1976). It was renamed the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board in 1979 and received its present name in 1992 (Chapter 476, Acts of 1979; Chapter 4, Acts of 1992). The Board recommends to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry regulations and standards to prevent dangerous or unhealthy conditions in amusement rides and attractions.

The Board's nine members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Governor names the chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 3-301 through 3-601).

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELEVATORS

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The Special Advisory Committee on Elevators was created in 1975 to provide the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with expertise, knowledge, and technical data on elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks (Code 1957, Art. 89, sec. 49B(e)). The Committee helps the Commissioner formulate regulations and standards for elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks.

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry appoints the Committee's thirteen members.