

1962). The Commission licenses and regulates contractors and salespersons in the home improvement industry, investigates complaints filed by home owners against individuals operating as home improvement contractors, and takes administrative or legal action against violators of the law.

The Commission's seven members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. The Governor names the chair with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Commission continues until October 1, 2002 (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-702).

STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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The State Board of Certified Interior Designers was created in 1991 (Chapter 663, Acts of 1991). The Board certifies persons who provide interior design services, renews certificates, and may revoke a certificate or reprimand a certificate holder. The Board is required to adopt a code of ethics for certified interior designers and to publish annually a list of those who are certified and those whose certificates have been suspended or revoked in the prior three years.

The Board's seven members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-602).

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

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In 1939, the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was formed (Chapter 752, Acts of 1939). It was followed in 1977 by the State Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors (Chapter 763, Acts of 1977). The Board was renamed as the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors in 1989 (Chapter 3, Acts of 1989).

All persons seeking to practice surveying in Maryland must submit their qualifications to the Board or pass its examination before receiving a certificate of registration to practice. Through the cooperation of local chapters of the surveying fraternities, the Board seeks to secure voluntary compliance with the law and maintain the ethical

standards of the profession. The Board also enforces the provisions of the registration law and restrains any violations of it. The Board can investigate charges, as well as hear complaints of violations, subpoena witnesses and documents or other pertinent data, and apply for relief by injunction.

The Board is a member of the Maryland Society of Professional Land Surveyors, which aids in the reciprocal licensing of surveyors and seeks to promote uniform standards of licensing in all states. With the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Governor appoints the Board's six members to five-year terms. The Governor names the chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 15-101 through 15-702).

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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In 1971, the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects started within the Department of Natural Resources as the Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects (Chapter 645, Acts of 1971). The Board became part of the Department of Licensing and Regulation in 1973 (Chapter 4, Acts of Special Session of 1973) and received its present name in 1989 (Chapter 3, Acts of 1989).

The Board licenses landscape architects who desire to practice in Maryland. It holds examinations at least once a year and determines who may be exempt from the provisions of the law.

The Board comprises five members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and with Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 9-101 through 9-702).

STATE BOARD OF PILOTS

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In Maryland, boat pilots were regulated first in 1787, when a board was formed to examine the qualifications of those who practiced the "art of piloting in Chesapeake bay and the rivers thereof" (Chapter 26, Acts of 1787). Numerous boards were appointed thereafter to examine, license, and set fees. The State Board of Pilots was created as the Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots in 1969 to license pilots (Chapter 575, Acts of 1969). The Board received its present name in 1989 (Chapter