

*Board of Health.* "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE RADIATION CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD HEREIN CREATED. "Radiation" means ionizing radiation and includes gamma rays, x-rays, alpha and beta particles, high speed electrons, neutrons, protons, and other atomic or nuclear particles or rays. "EMERGENCY" MEANS A SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED AND UNFORESEEN CONDITION OF SUCH PUBLIC GRAVITY AND EXIGENCY AS TO REQUIRE ACTION FORTHWITH.

677. *Rules and Regulations.*—The Board shall have power to formulate and promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations controlling sources of radiation. All rules and regulations promulgated will conform with the standards established by the National Committee on Radiation Protection and published in the handbooks of the National Bureau of Standards, or those of the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service. All actions of the Board shall be taken in accordance with Article 41, Sections 244 to 256 of this Code, generally known as the Administrative Procedure Act.

678. *Functions and Powers of Board.*—The Board shall:

(a) Administer and enforce this sub-title and the rules, or regulations promulgated under this sub-title, except that in the City of Baltimore the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City may be authorized to administer and enforce this sub-title and the rules and regulations promulgated under it.

(b) Develop comprehensive policies and programs for the evaluation and determination of hazards associated with the use of radiation, and their amelioration.

(c) Advise, consult, and cooperate with experts in the field of radiation control, other agencies of the State, the Federal Government, other States and interstate agencies, and with affected groups, political subdivisions, and industries.

(d) Accept and administer according to law, loans, grants, or other funds or gifts from the Federal Government and from other sources, public or private, for carrying out its functions under this sub-title.

(e) Encourage, participate in, or conduct studies, investigations, training, research, and demonstrations relating to the control of radiation hazard, the measurement of radiation, the effects on health of exposure to radiation, and related problems as it may deem necessary or advisable for the discharge of its duties under this sub-title.

(f) Collect and disseminate health education information relating to radiation protection.

(g) Review plans and specifications for radiation sources submitted pursuant to rules or regulations promulgated under this sub-title.

(h) Inspect radiation sources, their shielding and immediate surroundings and records concerning their operation for the determination of any possible radiation hazard.

(i) Keep in confidence all data concerning commercial and industrial processes obtained as a result of administering this sub-title.