

intent to become citizens of the United States, and each shall have resided in this State at least one year prior to appointment to the Board.

(b) *Terms of Office.* Of the Board members initially appointed, three shall be appointed for a one-year term of office, three shall be appointed for a two-year term, and three shall be appointed for a three-year term. Thereafter, the term of office for each member shall be three years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by the appointive authority for the unexpired term.

(c) *Removal of Members.* The Governor may remove any member for misconduct, incapacity, incompetence, or neglect of duty after the member so charged has been served with a written statement of charges and has been given an opportunity to be heard by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(d) *Compensation of Members.* Each member of the Board who is not a public employee in another capacity shall receive a per diem compensation, the amount of which to be determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for the time spent in the performance of his official duties, and he shall be reimbursed for all official travel and incidental expenses incurred in carrying out such duties.

(e) *Organization.* The Board shall elect annually from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman. The Board shall hold two or more meetings each year. At any meeting a majority of the entire membership constitutes a quorum, notwithstanding the existence of any vacancies.

(f) *Secretary and Other Employees.* The chairman of the Board shall appoint a secretary to the Board with the consent of the members of the Board, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. He shall be the executive officer to the Board, but shall not be a member of the Board. He shall have such powers and perform such duties as prescribed by law and the rules and regulations of the Board. Upon entering the performance of his duties, he shall be covered by a surety bond in accordance with the provisions of Sections 46 through 50 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement, as amended). The Board may provide such other employees as provided in the Budget and as deemed necessary properly to assist the Board and the Secretary in the performance of their duties.

758. *Functions and Duties of the Board.*

(a) *It is the function and duty of the Board to:*

(1) *establish reasonable fees for the issuance of licenses and registrations, and develop, impose, and enforce standards which must be met by individuals in order to receive a license as a nursing home administrator, which standards shall be designed to assure that nursing home administrators will be individuals who are of good character and otherwise suitable, and who, by training or experience in the field of institutional administration, are qualified to serve as nursing home administrators;*

(2) *develop and apply appropriate techniques, including examinations (oral or written) and investigations, for determining whether an individual meets such standards;*