

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-302 (b), (c) and (e) of Article - Agriculture, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

2-302.

[(a) The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is created and continued within the [Department] DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(b) The Board has [seven] FIVE members who SHALL BE CHOSEN IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

[(1) Are licensed and registered veterinarians of the State;

(2) Are residents of the State;

(3) Have engaged in active practice for five years at some time;

(4) Are in good standing; and

(5) Are appointed and qualified.]

(1) THE STATE VETERINARIAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHO SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND SHALL SERVE AS LONG AS HE OCCUPIES THE POSITION OF STATE VETERINARIAN OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR AS STATE VETERINARIAN IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-106 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WHO SHALL SERVE AS LONG AS HE OCCUPIES THAT POSITION OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR AS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE IS ELECTED OR APPOINTED;

(3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL MEDICINE AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY WHO SHALL SERVE:

(I) AS LONG AS HE OCCUPIES THAT POSITION; OF

(II) UNTIL A SUCCESSOR AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL MEDICINE IS ELECTED OR APPOINTED;

(4) A LICENSED AND REGISTERED VETERINARIAN IN GOOD STANDING WHO:

(I) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AND HAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVE PRACTICE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS; AND