

THE SECRETARY OF LICENSING AND REGULATION, MAY REMOVE ANY COMMISSIONER FOR INEFFICIENCY, NEGLECT OF DUTY, OR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, GIVING TO HIM A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND AN OPPORTUNITY OF BEING PUBLICLY HEARD IN PERSON OR BY COUNSEL, IN HIS OWN DEFENSE, UPON NOT LESS THAN TEN DAYS' NOTICE. IF SUCH COMMISSIONER SHALL BE REMOVED, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF ALL CHARGES MADE AGAINST SUCH COMMISSIONER, AND HIS FINDINGS THEREON, TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

(B) THE MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF TWO BOARDS WITH FIVE MEMBERS ON EACH BOARD.

(1) ONE BOARD COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE HARNESS RACING BOARD, AND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, ALLOCATION OF RACING DATES, AND ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO LICENSEES LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 17 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) ONE BOARD COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE THOROUGHBRED RACING BOARD, AND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, ALLOCATION OF RACING DATES, AND ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION GRANTED IN THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO LICENSEES LICENSED UNDER ANY SECTION OF THIS ARTICLE EXCEPT THOSE LICENSED UNDER § 17 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) THE TWO BOARDS MAY MEET JOINTLY CONCERNING MATTERS AFFECTING ALL RACING IN THE STATE.

(4) THE SECRETARY OF LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL RESOLVE ANY QUESTION OF JURISDICTION WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN THE TWO BOARDS.

(5) NO COMMISSIONER MAY SERVE ON BOTH BOARDS.

(6) NO MORE THAN FOUR MEMBERS OF EITHER BOARD SHALL BE OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

(7) THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER FROM EACH BOARD TO BE CHAIRMAN.

(C) (1) THE INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE THOROUGHBRED RACING BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION SERVING AS OF JULY 1, 1977 AND MEMBERS SERVING AT THAT TIME SHALL SERVE FOR THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR WHICH THEY WERE INITIALLY APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION.

(2) THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE HARNESS RACING BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: