

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TWO CONSUMER MEMBERS WHO:

(I) ARE ~~QUALIFIED---TO---REPRESENT---THE INTERESTS-OF-CONSUMERS~~ MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

(II) HAVE NEVER BEEN A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN-IN-TRAINING, NOR HAVE A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHO IS A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN-IN-TRAINING;

(III) HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN A RELATED COMMERCIAL PROFESSIONAL FIELD, NOR HAVE A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WHO PARTICIPATES IN A RELATED COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL FIELD;

(IV) HAVE NOT WITHIN 2 YEARS PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT, NOR DURING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT, HAD A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN AN INDIVIDUAL, ASSOCIATION, UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHICH IS REGULATED BY THE BOARD; AND

(V) MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS UNLESS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(2) [The] EIGHT members shall be physicians practicing medicine in the State of Maryland.

(3) A majority of the members of the Board constitutes a quorum.

(4) The members shall serve a four-year term and may succeed themselves. EXCEPT THAT THE INITIAL TERM OF ONE CONSUMER MEMBER SHALL BE 3 YEARS, AND THE INITIAL TERM OF THE OTHER CONSUMER MEMBER SHALL BE 4 YEARS.

(5) In the event of a PHYSICIAN MEMBER vacancy, the Board shall select a new member to serve until his successor, elected at the next annual meeting of the Faculty, to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term. IN THE EVENT OF A CONSUMER MEMBER VACANCY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(6) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the recommendation of the Board of Medical Examiners may remove any member of the Board for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or misfeasance in office.

(7) Members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while actually engaged in the performance of their duties in accordance with the standard travel regulations.

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(a) The Commission on Medical Discipline of Maryland is hereby established as part of the Department of Health