

(a) There shall be a medical board consisting of three FIVE members who shall be licensed physicians in good professional standing, two of whom shall have had at least five (5) years' practice in the diagnosis, treatment and care of industrial diseases, one of whom shall be a specialist in internal medicine with at least 5 years' practice as a specialist, one of whom shall be a specialist in internal medicine with subspecialty training, experience and practice in pulmonary diseases and with at least 5 years' practice in the subspecialty, and one of whom shall be especially trained in roentgenology, and who shall have had at least five (5) years' practice and experience. They shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from a list of nominees to be submitted by the deans of the medical departments, schools of the University of Maryland and of the Johns Hopkins University, and by the council of the Medical and Surgical Faculty of Maryland, each of these three agencies to submit a list of at least three FIVE persons, two of whom shall be especially experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom shall be an experienced roentgenologist, one of whom shall be a specialist in internal medicine, and one of whom shall be a specialist in internal medicine with a subspecialty in pulmonary diseases. One of said members shall be designated as chairman of the medical board by the Governor. The term of office of a member of such board shall be six (6) years, except that the first appointments hereunder shall be made as follows: one for two (2) years, one for four (4) years, and one for six (6) years. The present members of the three member medical board shall serve the balance of their terms as members of the expanded board. The terms of these members shall be staggered as previously established. The term of office of the first appointees to the two new positions on the medical board shall be for 2 years for one appointee and 4 years for the other. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UNEXPIRED TERMS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS AS HEREBEFORE PROVIDED. ANY ONE MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL BOARD SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO HEAR ANY ISSUES REFERRED TO SAID BOARD, AND THE DETERMINATION THEREOF BY ANY TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE THE DETERMINATION THEREOF BY THE BOARD. THE MEDICAL BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO MAKE RULES REGULATING ITS PROCEDURE, TO CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY WORK, TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS OF WORKING CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR ORDERING AND THE CONDUCTING OF AUTOPSIES, TO CONDUCT HEARINGS ON MEDICAL QUESTIONS, TO DETERMINE MEDICAL ISSUES, AND TO PERFORM SUCH OTHER REASONABLE DUTIES AS THE WORK OF THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE. IN ADDITION, THE MEDICAL BOARD MAY REFER A CLAIMANT TO A SPECIALIST EMPLOYED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR HIS EXAMINATION AND REPORT. EITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROVERT THE SPECIALIST'S REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION. THE REASONABLE EXPENSE OF THE EXAMINATION BY THE SPECIALIST SHALL BE PAID BY THE MEDICAL BOARD. The functions of the board shall be as set forth elsewhere in this article.