

(a) (1) The Board consists of 12 members.

(2) Of the 12 Board members:

(i) 1 shall be the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary, as an ex officio member;

(ii) 9 shall be licensed morticians OR PROPERLY LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTORS; and

(iii) 2 shall be consumer members.

(3) Of the 11 appointed Board members:

(i) 5 shall be residents of Baltimore City; and

(ii) 6 shall be residents of other counties.

(4) Except for the ex officio member, the Governor shall appoint each member with the advice of the Secretary, and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) Each mortician member shall:

(1) Be a licensed mortician; and

(2) Have practiced mortuary science actively for at least 5 years immediately before appointment.

(C) EACH FUNERAL DIRECTOR MEMBER SHALL:

(1) BE A LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR; AND

(2) HAVE PRACTICED FUNERAL DIRECTION ACTIVELY FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPOINTMENT.

[(c)] (D) Each consumer member of the Board:

(1) Shall be a member of the general public;

(2) May not be or ever have been a mortician, funeral director, or apprentice;

(3) May not have a household member who is a mortician, funeral director, or apprentice;

(4) May not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or professional field related to the practice of mortuary science;

(5) May not have a household member who participates in a commercial or professional field related to the practice of mortuary science; and