

vested with authority to hear and determine any hearing, trial, inquiry or investigation which the Commission is authorized to hold or undertake; THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1983, TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ANY CASE INVOLVING AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CLAIM; and any one of such members can preside alone at any such hearing, trial, inquiry and investigation, and every order and determination made by any one member shall be deemed to be the order or determination of the Commission. The chairman shall sit on the trial of cases except to the extent that it is necessary for said chairman to devote time to the adequate and efficient performance of his administrative and executive functions.

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(c) Where an occupational disease is aggravated by any other disease or infirmity, not itself compensable, or where disability or death from any other cause, not itself compensable, is aggravated, prolonged, accelerated or in anywise contributed to by an occupational disease, the percentage of such contribution to be determined by the [medical board, as hereinafter created] WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION, the compensation payable shall be reduced and limited to such proportion only of the compensation that would be payable if the occupational disease were the sole cause of the disability or death as such occupational disease, as a causative factor, bears to all the causes of such disability or death, such reduction in compensation to be effected by reducing the number of weekly or monthly payments or the amount of such payments, as under the circumstances of the particular case may be for the best interest of the claimant or claimants.

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(a) There shall be a medical board consisting of three 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, 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 of the University of Maryland and of the Johns Hopkins University, and by the council of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, each of these three agencies to submit a list of at least three persons, two of whom shall be especially experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom shall be an experienced roentgenologist. 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