

(E) OFFICE.

THE BOARD SHALL HAVE ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN BALTIMORE CITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language substituted for the first clause of former Art. 56, § 497, which provided for investigations, hearings, and examinations to be held "by or before the majority of the members of the Board or its secretary", to cover all of the possible actions of the Board. The substituted language also reflects that the staff of the Board is provided through the Department and, thus, the former reference to "its secretary" was obsolete.

In light of this substitution, the second clause of former Art. 56, § 497, which provided for findings and orders to be "concurring in by the majority of the members of the Board", is deleted, since the former clause seemingly was predicated on a total Board membership of 3 -- as specified in former Art. 56, § 489 -- rather than the current Board membership of 5. See the revisor's note to § 5-202 of this subtitle. Furthermore, as the former clause related to ratification of the findings or orders of "the representative" -- i.e., the secretary of the Board -- the clause also was obsolete. The Business Occupations Article Review Committee calls this deletion to the attention of the General Assembly.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the fourth sentence of former Art. 56, § 490.

Subsection (c) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the first and fourth sentences of former Art. 56, § 492.

Subsection (d) of this section is standard language added for clarity. This addition is based on the reference to "office help" in the third sentence of former Art. 56, § 492 and the power to employ "inspectors and examiners" in the fifth sentence of former § 492.

Subsection (e) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of the fourth sentence of former Art. 56, § 498(a).

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "at the times and places that the Board determines" is standard language substituted for the former phrase