

## 817. CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD.

(a) (1) There is [hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a Board, to be known as the] A Criminal Injuries Compensation Board[, to consist] UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(2) THE BOARD CONSISTS of [ 5] FIVE members, no more than [ 4] FOUR of whom shall belong to the same political party.

(3) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary [of Public Safety and Correctional Services], with the approval of the Governor, and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(4) One member of the Board shall have been admitted to practice law in the State [of Maryland] for not less than five years next preceding [his] THE appointment.

(b) The term of office of each [such] member [shall be five] IS 5 years[, except that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of five years, four years and three years respectively]. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired terms.

(c) The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall designate one member of the Board as chairman, to serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(d) The members of the Board shall devote [such] time as is necessary to perform the duties imposed upon them. They shall receive an annual salary as may be provided in the [annual] STATE budget.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from Art. 26A, § 3 of the Code.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "except that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of five years, four years and three years respectively" is deleted as obsolete, because the phrase related only to the initial members of the Board who have since left office.

The only other changes are in style.

## 818. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Board, subject to the authority of the Secretary [of Public Safety and Correctional Services] as set forth in Article 41 of the Code, shall have the following powers and duties:

[(a)](1) To establish and maintain an office and to appoint and prescribe the duties of a claims examiner, a secretary, clerks, and [such] ANY other employees and agents as may be necessary. Except as otherwise provided by law, these employees are subject to the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern classified service employees[.];

[(b)](2) To adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind suitable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and purposes of this [article] SUBHEADING, including rules