

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

4-202.

- (a) (1) The Board consists of [14] 15 members.
- (2) Of the [14] 15 Board members:
 - (i) 9 shall be licensed dentists;
 - (ii) 3 shall be licensed dental hygienists; and
 - (iii) [2] 3 shall be consumer members.

(3) The Governor shall appoint the dentist Board members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Governor jointly by the Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Dental Society. The number of names on the list for one vacancy shall be at least four names, for two vacancies at least three names for each vacancy, and for three or more vacancies at least two names for each vacancy.

(4) The Governor shall appoint the dental hygienist Board members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list of names submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association. The number of names on the list shall be four times the number of vacancies.

(5) The Governor shall appoint the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

4-207.

- (a) There is a State Board of Dental Examiners Fund.

(b) (1) The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and its other services.

(2) The fees charged shall be set so as to approximate the cost of maintaining the Board.

(3) Funds to cover the compensation and expenses of the Board members shall be generated by fees set under this section.

(c) (1) The Board shall pay all funds collected under this title to the Comptroller of the State.

(2) The Comptroller shall distribute the fees to the State Board of Dental Examiners Fund.

(d) (1) The Fund shall be used to cover the actual documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided by the provisions of this article.