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(a) There is an Advisory Committee on Safety Training Programs for Power Equipment Operators.

(b) (1) The Advisory Committee consists of the following 11 members:

(i) as an ex officio member, the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee; and

(ii) 10 members appointed by the Governor.

(2) Of the 10 appointed members of the Advisory Committee:

(i) 3 shall represent labor; and

(ii) 7 shall represent employers.

(3) Of the 7 representatives of employers:

(i) 4 shall represent employers with at least 50 employees; and

(ii) 3 shall represent employers with fewer than 50 employees.

(4) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (3) of this subsection, of the 7 representatives of employers:

(i) 1 shall represent associated building contractors;

(ii) 1 shall represent utility contractors;

(iii) 1 shall represent highway contractors; and

(iv) 1 shall represent the public utilities of Maryland.

(5) The membership of the Advisory Committee shall represent all the regions of the State.

(c) Before taking office, each appointee to the Committee shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(d) The Commissioner may convene the Advisory Committee as needed to review the safety and training of operators of power equipment.]

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This subtitle does not apply to an employer with fewer than 6 employees.

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(a) Each employer that hires employees to operate power equipment shall[:

(1) develop and carry out an employee safety training program designed to inform employees of and train employees in applicable standards for safe operation of power equipment including:

[(i)] (1) limitations and use;