

Article - Health - General

13-1801.

There is a State Advisory Council on Pain Management.

13-1802.

(a) (1) The Advisory Council consists of 13 members.

(2) Of the 13 members:

(i) One shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) One shall be a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(iii) 11 shall be appointed by the Governor.

(3) Of the 11 members appointed by the Governor:

(i) One shall be a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(ii) One shall be a representative of the Attorney General;

(iii) One shall be a physician certified in pain management;

(iv) One shall be a consumer;

(v) One shall be a dentist;

(vi) One shall be an ethicist;

(vii) One shall be a physician certified in geriatric medicine;

(viii) One shall be a pediatrician;

(ix) One shall be a pharmacist; and

(x) Two shall be registered nurses with expertise in hospice, oncology, long-term care, anesthesia, or pain management.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 2 years.

(2) If a vacancy occurs during the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor who will serve only for the rest of the term and until another successor is appointed and qualifies.

(c) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

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The Advisory Council shall elect a chairman from among the members of the Advisory Council.