

There are currently 8 advisory boards in the Department. The provisions that relate to the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on the Wage and Hour Law were revised in the Labor and Employment Article to incorporate the applicable consumer member provisions. See LA §§ 3-409 and 5-303. The provisions that relate to the State Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, the Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee, and the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee are revised in this article and the applicable consumer member provisions are incorporated. See §§ 3-304, 11-532, and 11-626 of this article.

The Committee concluded that the General Assembly did not intend for former Art. 41, § 8-102(c) through (e) to apply to the Banking Board (FI § 2-201), the Board of Savings and Loan Association Commissioners (FI § 8-201), or the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates (SF § 17-203) since the General Assembly reconstituted each after July 1, 1974, and included at least 1 consumer member. The later-enacted and specific provisions presumably superseded the earlier-enacted former Art. 41 provisions. In any event, since the function of each of these units is advisory, many of the requirements imposed on consumer members seemed inapplicable.

Defined terms: "Consumer member" § 1-101

"Department" § 1-101

"Secretary" § 1-101

2-110. SAME — LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS; INTERPRETERS.

(A) "LICENSE" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "LICENSE":

(1) MEANS ANY GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A BUSINESS OR TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION; AND

(2) INCLUDES A CERTIFICATE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION.

(B) COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH.

A UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE AS A CONDITION FOR A LICENSE AN ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN ENGLISH, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE UNIT EXPRESSLY DETERMINES THAT THE ABILITY IS NEEDED TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.

(C) USE OF INTERPRETER.

(1) IF A UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE USE OF AN INTERPRETER OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR SIGN LANGUAGE WILL NOT COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF A TESTING PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE, THEN, ON REQUEST, THE UNIT MAY ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO USE AN INTERPRETER DURING THAT PROCEDURE.