

This Commission was established under the law above referred to, with power to give advice and counsel to all public libraries, and public school libraries, in the State, and to all persons proposing to establish them, as to the best means to their establishment and maintenance, the selection of books, cataloging, and other details of management; and also to organize and conduct traveling libraries throughout the State.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORS.

211 North Calvert Street, Baltimore.

Name.	Postoffice.	Term Expires.
Chairman:		
George Heller, M. D.....	Baltimore	1923
Vice-Chairman:		
Charles F. Macklin.....	Ilchester	1924
Secretary:		
Marie W. Presstman.....	Baltimore	1925

The Board consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for a term of three years. The first appointments are made for terms of one, two and three years, and as these terms expire a successor is appointed for a full term of three years. (Ch. 390, 1922.)

The duties of the Board are to examine all films, reels or views to be exhibited or used in the State of Maryland; to approve such as are moral and proper, and to condemn or eliminate those which, in the judgment of the Board, tend to debase or corrupt morals; or incite to crime.

The Board receives in advance a fee of \$2.00 per reel, for each reel of 1,000 feet or less, submitted for examination, and \$1.00 per reel for each duplicate if submitted at the same time. Upon completion of the examination the Board issues a certificate stating the result of the examination and furnishes an official approval seal, record of which is kept by the Board. The Board examined a total of 5,335 films during the past fiscal year. Of this number 4,086 subjects were approved, 57 rejected and 1,192 passed with eliminations.

Persons submitting films to the Board for examination, if dissatisfied with the result of the first examination, may, upon appeal, submit the same film to the Board for re-examination, and finally to the City Court of Baltimore.

Any person failing to display the approval seal of the Board may be fined from \$5.00 to \$10.00, or in default of payment shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two to five days.

The law under which the Board was operating was found to be inadequate. A bill, therefore, was introduced and passed by Act of the Legislature of 1922, Chapter 390, which repealed and re-enacted each and every section of the original Acts of 1916, 1918 and 1920, with amendments and changes, conferring additional powers upon the Board and providing increased penalties for violations of the Act.

The provisions of the Act do not apply to any non-commercial exhibition of films by religious, charitable or fraternal organizations, or by any library, school or museum, for purely religious, charitable, fra-