

Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation.

The work of the Commission involves determining what occupations are covered; receiving and investigating reports of accidents; receiving, investigating and adjudicating claims for compensation arising under the Law. Hearings are held throughout the State in contested cases.

Since the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Law in 1914, amendments to the law have been passed from time to time, by the General Assembly, for the purpose of adapting the law to changing conditions. Some of the more important changes were made in 1931 and 1939, upon the recommendations of committees appointed by the Governor for that purpose, and were concurred in by representatives of employees, employers and insurance carriers.

The Jurisdiction of the State Industrial Accident Commission is continuing. Many petitions for reopening or rehearing, after final settlement of claims are presented, requiring long record of medical and other testimony, many resulting in appeals. This greatly increases the work and expense of the department from year to year.

The expense of operating the State Industrial Accident Commission is not a burden upon the tax-payers of the State, as the entire expense of the Commission, not including the State Accident Fund, is borne by the private insurance companies which write compensation insurance, self-insurers, and the State Accident Fund; while the cost of operating the State Accident Fund is borne by the policyholders insuring in the Fund.

Chapter 465 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1939, amended the Law to provide compensation for disability or death, resulting from a listed schedule of occupational diseases. This amendment provides that there shall be a Medical Board consisting of three members who shall be licensed physicians in good professional standing, two of whom shall have had at least five years practice in the diagnosis, treatment and care of industrial diseases, and one of whom shall be especially trained in roentgenology, and who shall have had at least five years practice and experience. They shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from a list of nominees to be submitted by the Deans of the Medical Departments of the University of Maryland and of the Johns Hopkins University and by the Council of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, each of these three agencies to submit a list of at least three persons, two of whom shall be especially experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom shall be an experienced roentgenologist. One of said members shall be designated as Chairman of the Medical Board by the Governor. The term of office of a member of such board shall be six years, except that the first appointments hereunder shall be made as follows: One for two years, one for four years and one for six years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointments, as herein above provided. A majority of the Medical Board shall constitute a quorum.

Dr. Raymond G. Hussey,

Chairman.....	1945.....	Baltimore
Dr. John W. Pierson.....	1949.....	Baltimore
Dr. Nathan B. Herman.....	1947.....	Baltimore