

The Board of Boiler Rules, established by Chapter 676, Acts of 1920, is composed of three members, two of whom are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. The third member is the Commissioner of Labor and Industry. Of the appointed members of the Board, one must be a representative of the owners and users of boilers in the State and one a representative of a boiler insurance and inspection company licensed to do business in this State. The Board formulates regulations governing the construction, installation, and maintenance of boilers of over fifteen pounds to a square inch for sale or use in Maryland and enforces such regulations (Code 1957, Art. 48, secs. 167-180).

Appropriations	1965	1966
General Funds	\$347,886	\$500,376
Staff: 1965, 64; Staff: 1966, 72.		

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Chairman: Daniel T. Doherty, 1968

Lester H. Crowther, 1966; Helen Elizabeth Brown, 1967; Paul T. Pitcher, 1969; Francis J. Valle, 1970; Harold Lee Frankel, 1977; Joseph I. Paper, 1977.

DeLancey B. Scrivner, Secretary
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The Workmen's Compensation Commission, created by Chapter 800, Acts of 1914 as the State Industrial Accident Commission, received its present name by Chapter 584, Acts of 1957. Under the provisions of Chapter 238, Acts of 1961, the Commission was increased from five to seven members, all of whom must be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The initial appointments of the Chairman and four associate commissioners dated from February 1, 1958, and were for periods of eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve years. The appointments of the two additional commissioners dated from February 1, 1961, and were for four years each. As each term expires, the Governor shall appoint a person to the full term of twelve years, or until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

Like its predecessor, the Commission administers the Workmen's Compensation Law. It hears contested cases and holds hearings throughout the State; it receives reports of accidents and adjudicates claims for compensation arising under the law; and it investigates companies and firms which fail to carry insurance under the terms of the Act. The Chairman sits on the trial of cases when his administrative and executive functions permit (Code 1957, Art. 101, secs. 1, 2, 5, 16, 38-40).

In recent years, the General Assembly has made many important changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act. Among the most important have been acts increasing maximum temporary disability payments to \$55.00 weekly; increasing maximum permanent total disability payments to \$55.00 weekly; and increasing the maximum total payable for total disability to \$30,000. Other laws have broadened the law in hernia cases; established a broad form of a Subsequent Injury Fund; and removed limitations on payments of medical expenses. In 1951, the Act included many additional payments; also, for the first time, Maryland came to be what is known as a nonscheduled State