

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, 1964 Repl. Vol., 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 for Occupational Diseases. In 1965, the Serious Disability Section was added. This provides for a greater amount and rate of compensation for a workman who sustains a serious disability, as defined by the Law (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 101, secs. 21-36, 66).

Medical Board for Occupational Diseases

Chairman: James Frenkil, M.D., 1971

Whitmer B. Firor, M.D., 1967; John Sheldon Eastland, M.D., 1969

The Medical Board for Occupational Diseases was established by Chapter 465, Acts of 1939. The Governor appoints the members of the Board for six-year terms with the approval of the Senate, from lists of nominees submitted by the Deans of the schools of medicine of the University of Maryland and the Johns Hopkins University and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. Each of these agencies submits a list of three persons, two of whom are experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom is an experienced physician in good professional standing. Two must have had at least five years practice in the treating, diagnosis, and care of industrial diseases, and the third must have been trained in roentgenology and must have had five years practice and experience. The Governor designates the Chairman of the Board. The Board hears and adjudicates all claims for compensation for disability caused by an occupational disease. The decisions of the Board are subject to review by the Workmen's Compensation Commission (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 101, secs. 22-29).

Appropriations	1967	1968
General Funds	\$665,597	\$718,485
Staff: 85.		

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO REVIEW LAWS GOVERNING THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION LAWS

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This Commission was created by the Governor in 1959 to improve the Workmen's Compensation Law and to insure that changes in the law are made to improve the workmen's compensation system in ac-