

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CENSORS

Chairman: George J. Andreadakis, 1979
W. Robert Wallis, 1977; Mary Avara, 1978.
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This Board, established by Chapter 209, Acts of 1916, adopted its present name by Chapter 402, Acts of 1970. The Board consists of a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, all appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, by and with the consent of the Senate, for three-year terms. The Board examines or supervises the examination of all film, excepting newsreels, to be exhibited or used in the State of Maryland, and disapproves such as are obscene or pornographic.

The Board furnishes an official approval seal which must be displayed on the screen when the picture is shown (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66A).

Staff: 3.

COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER CREDIT

Alan T. Fell, *Commissioner*
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The office of the Commissioner of Consumer Credit was originally established as the Administrator of Loan Laws, an independent agency by Chapter 289, Acts of 1941, superseding a similar office established under the jurisdiction of the Bank Commissioner (Chapter 741, Acts of 1939). It adopted the name of Commissioner of Small Loans by Chapter 402, Acts of 1970, and its present name by Chapter 457, Acts of 1974. The Commissioner is appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the Governor (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 192).

The office is responsible for the licensing of small loan companies and conducts investigations of these companies. The Com-

missioner may revoke or suspend a small loan license following a formal hearing before the agency, upon the finding that the licensee has violated any provisions of Article 58A of the Code. Further, the Commissioner directs investigations to discover suspected violations of the law, the purpose of which is for the protection of borrowers or the punishment of usurious money lenders.

The Commissioner is also responsible for licensing sales finance companies. He conducts annual investigations of these companies to determine their fitness to engage in the sales finance business in Maryland. Following a formal hearing before the Agency, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke such licenses for violations of the law (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 83, secs. 154-165).

During the 1971 and 1972 Session, the General Assembly strengthened the Commissioner's power to protect the consumer under the Retail Credit Accounts Law and the Retail Installment Sales Act. Acting upon a written complaint the Commissioner may, after a formal hearing, order a seller to cease and desist from practice in violation of these laws (Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 83, secs. 149A, and 153F).

Staff: 15.

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS

Chairman: Jerome J. Rokos, 1979
Mary Ellen Brooke, 1977; Christina J. Anderson, 1977; Mrs. Howard McIntyre, 1977; Ellen P. McLane, 1978.
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The State Board of Cosmetologists, created by Chapter 282, Acts of 1935 as the Board of Hairdressers and Beauty Culturists, received its present name by Chapter 278, Acts of 1961. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation for three-year terms. Three members of the Board must have had at