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The Maryland Agricultural Commission, created by Chapter 552, Acts of 1968, succeeded the Agricultural Advisory Board established by Chapter 470, Acts of 1961. The Commission has as its chief function the advancement of Maryland agriculture and serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of Agriculture on all matters pertaining to agriculture. The Commission formulates and makes proposals for the advancement of agriculture, assists in the promotion of Maryland agricultural industries and products, and advises the Department of Natural Resources on proposed wetland regulations.

The Commission consists of seventeen members of whom the principal administrative officer for agricultural affairs of the University of Maryland serves *ex officio*. The remaining sixteen members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms as follows: two representing the dairy segment; two representing the poultry segment; one the livestock segment; one the tobacco segment; one the nursery segment; one the horticulture segment; one the field crop segment; one the vegetable segment; one from the veterinary profession; one nominated by the Maryland State Grange; one nominated by the Maryland Farm Bureau; and three appointed at large from services related to agriculture. No appointed person may serve more than two consecutive terms. The Board selects its own officers (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-205).

INSPECTOR OF TOBACCO

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Vacancy, State Inspector of Tobacco

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The Inspector of Tobacco, an office established by Chapter 314, Acts of 1898, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture with the approval of the Governor. He must be a resident of one of the tobacco-growing counties and a tobacco grower or a duly qualified tobacco dealer. The Inspector of Tobacco inspects and grades tobacco grown, sold, or stored within the State of Maryland. He also supervises the State Tobacco Warehouse and all property connected therewith in Cheltenham (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 7-301 through 7-326).

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

President: Dr. Arthur H. Peck, V.M.D., 1984

Vice-President: Dr. Eugene Holmes, D.V.M., 1980

Dr. Fred T. Lewis, D.V.M., 1984; Carol Johnson, 1981; Alvin E. Friedman, 1982; *Vacancy*.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. James B. Rutledge, Jr., D.V.M., 1984

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The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, established by Chapter 273, Acts of 1894, and enlarged by Chapter 635, Acts of 1974, is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for five-year terms. Each appointment is made from a list of at least three names for each vacancy submitted to the Governor by the Secretary of Agriculture. Five of the members shall be veterinarians who are licensed and registered and engaged in active practice. Of these five, two must have their practices predominantly for large animals. Two members of the Board shall not be veterinarians.

The Board passes upon the qualifications of candidates for licenses to practice veterinary medicine in the State and examines such persons. It may conduct hearings and pass upon complaints of legal or unethical practices or sanitation requirements and may institute proceedings in the courts against those engaged in illegal practice (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-313).

WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Alvin Manger, 1980

Dr. Hugh E. Binks, 1980; Roland E. Darcey, 1980; Walter Eiker, 1980; William I. King, 1980; Ron Nelson, 1980; William Ruppertsberger, 1980; John N. Ruth, 1980; Vernon L. Treuth, 1980; William Wagner, 1980; Robert Williar, 1980.

Dr. Robert J. Lee, *Secretary*

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