

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 are 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 must 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 illegal or unethical practices or sanitation requirements and may institute proceedings in the courts against those engaged in illegal practices (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-313).

#### **WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Chairperson:* Alvin S. Manger, 1983

Walter Eiker, 1983; H. Robert Erwin, 1983;  
Donald C. Essich, 1983; William I. King, 1983;

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The Wholesome Meat Advisory Council was established pursuant to the Maryland Wholesome Meat Act (Chapter 618, Acts of 1968). It was originally created for a period of three years to provide broadened representation in policy determinations with regard to meat inspection in the State, but its existence was extended indefinitely by Chapter 66, Acts of 1971. All members are appointed by the Governor from representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Maryland Farm Bureau, the Maryland Agricultural Commission, the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, the Maryland Frozen Food Locker Association, Inc., and four from the slaughtering and processing industry. One ex officio member is designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Council advises the Secretary on adopting rules and regulations relating to meat inspection and the establishment of protection standards (Code Agriculture Article, sec. 4-105).