

The Commission appoints two of its members and two alternates to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the interstate agency charged with the overall responsibility of planning, financing, and operating the regional rapid rail and bus transit systems for the Washington metropolitan area. The Commission works in conjunction with the Authority in the development of the regional rapid rail transit system.

The Commission consists of seven members. Three are appointed by the Montgomery County Executive, and three by the Prince George's County Executive. The Secretary of Transportation (or designee) serves *ex officio*. Commissioners who are appointed from among the members of the elected governing bodies serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, while others serve three-year terms. The position of chairperson alternates annually between Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: Charles J. Krysiak, 1992

Robert S. Redding, 1989; G. Joseph Sills, Jr., 1989; Edward A. Palamara, 1990; Jacques E. Leeds, Sr., 1991; Sidney W. Albert, 1993; Carmel Snow, 1993; L. Douglas Jefferson, 1994; J. Max Millstone, 1994; Stephen Rosenbaum, 1994.

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The Worker's Compensation Commission originated in 1914 as the State Industrial Accident Commission (Chapter 800, Acts of 1914). In 1957, it was renamed the Workmen's Compensation Commission (Chapter 584, Acts of 1957), and its present name was adopted January 1, 1986. The Commission administers the Worker's Compensation Law. The Commission hears contested cases and holds hearings throughout the State, receives reports of accidents, and adjudicates claims for compensation arising under the law (Code 1957, Art. 101, secs. 1, 2, 5, 16, 38-40).

The Commission publishes the *Annual Report of the Worker's Compensation Commission*, and *Brochure of Questions and Answers about Maryland's Worker's Compensation Law*, both available free upon request. The Commission also issues *Worker's Compensation Law of Maryland (annotated)*, for which there is a charge.

The Commission consists of ten members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of twelve years. The Governor designates the chairperson.

Defunct Independent Agencies

MARYLAND HORSE RACING COUNCIL, INC.

Abolished in 1985 (Chapter 7, Acts of 1985).

MARYLAND POTOMAC WATER AUTHORITY

The Authority was effectively disbanded in 1984 by the participatory member jurisdictions.

MARYLAND SAVINGS-SHARE INSURANCE CORPORATION

In May 1985, the Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation merged into the State of Maryland Deposit Insurance Fund Corporation (Chapter 6, Acts of Special Session of May 1985).

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