

STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Robert E. Mitchell, 1990

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Licensing & Regulation with Senate advice & consent: B. Reginald Cooper, 1989; Louis Hyatt, 1989; Michael P. Goodfellow, 1990; Billie D. Landbeck, 1991; Lloyd H. Seay, Jr., 1991; Alan J. Ferguson, 1992; John J. Moran, Jr., 1992.

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The Real Estate Commission of Maryland was constituted in 1939 to license all real estate brokers and salespersons doing business in Maryland (Chapter 351, Acts of 1939). In the major 1988 revision of the law regulating real estate brokers, the Commission was renamed the State Real Estate Commission (Chapter 563, Acts of 1988). The Commission adopts regulations for licensing real estate brokers and salespersons, formulates a code of ethics for the business of real estate, and sets standards for hearings conducted by itself or the Real Estate Hearing Board. Each applicant for a real estate salesperson's or broker's license must complete courses relating to the principles of real estate in order to qualify for examination.

The Commission may revoke, refuse, or suspend a license and reprimand or fine a person up to \$2,000 per violation for unethical conduct or for violating the real estate laws. Since 1971, the Commission has administered the Real Estate Guaranty Fund of Maryland (Chapter 648, Acts of 1971). The Fund, in essence, bonds all licensees.

The Commission is composed of eight members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Of these members, one each represents the Eastern Shore, Central Maryland, Baltimore City, Southern Maryland, and Western Maryland, and three represent the State at large. The at-large members cannot be engaged in the real estate business. All members must have been citizens and residents of the area for which they were appointed for not less than five years before appointment. Excepting the at-large members, they also must have been actively engaged in the real estate business for ten years prior to appointment. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 1992 (Code 1957, Art. 56A, secs. 4-201 through 4-214, 4-702).

REAL ESTATE HEARING BOARD

The authority to create the Real Estate Hearing Board was given to the Commission in 1968 (Chapter 89, Acts of 1968). With the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, the Real

Estate Commission may appoint three of its members to sit as a real estate hearing board. The Commission refers charges or complaints made by itself or other persons to the Board for hearings. The Board hears all matters referred to it and submits its findings and recommendations to the Commission. The Commission designates one of its members as Board chairperson. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1992 (Code 1957, Art. 56A, sec. 4-702).

LICENSING BOARDS

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The Executive Director of the Licensing Boards provides centralized administrative staff for the licensing boards within the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. These include eleven boards and one unit: Maryland Architectural Registration Board; State Board of Master Electricians; State Board of Examining Engineers; State Board of Registration for Foresters; Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Dealers; Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects; Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots; State Board of Plumbing; State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; State Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors; State Board of Public Accountancy; and the Licensure of Secondhand Precious Metals and Gem Dealers and Pawnbrokers.

MARYLAND ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARD

Chairperson: Gilbert D. Cooke, 1989

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Licensing & Regulation and Senate advice & consent: Ann ReWalt, 1989; George Bushey, 1990; Donald B. Ratcliffe, 1991; Lowell E. Nelson, 1992; Daniel W. Bennett, Jr., 1993; Margot W. Milch, 1993.

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The Maryland Architectural Registration Board was established in 1935 as the Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects (Chapter 309, Acts of 1935). The Board adopted its present name in 1968 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1968). The Board decides all matters pertaining to the registration of architects in Maryland. All persons, corporations, or partnerships seeking to practice architecture in the State must submit their qualifications to the