

Magruder Passano, Jr., 1994; Betsy D. Simon, M.S., C.H.E.S., 1994.

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The Commission originated as the Commission on High Blood Pressure in 1976 (Chapter 792, Acts of 1976). It became the State Commission on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors in 1986 (Chapter 486, Acts of 1986). The Commission establishes guidelines to manage and treat high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors. The Commission also develops and promotes educational programs to prevent and treat these conditions.

The Commission's sixteen members are appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. Ten members are chosen from lists of qualified individuals submitted by the American Heart Association—Maryland Affiliate; the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland; the Maryland Conference of Health Officers; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Maryland Hospital Association; the Maryland Nurses Association; the Monumental City Medical Society; the University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine; The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions; and the State Health Resources Planning Commission. Consumer members are appointed with Senate advice and consent (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-206).

STATE COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE

Bayinnah Shabbaz, M.D., *Chairperson*, 1994

Appointed by Governor: Irwin Wolkstein, 1990; Ray C. Brown, 1991; Philip M. Jos, 1991; John Josselson, M.D., 1992; Mark P. Rubin, M.D., 1992; Andrew Whelton, M.D., 1992; James F. Burdick, M.D., 1993; Linda A. Cameron, 1993; Mary B. Kuhn, R.N., 1994; two vacancies.

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The State Commission on Kidney Disease was created in 1971 (Chapter 492, Acts of 1971). The Commission oversees a program of State assistance throughout Maryland for persons with chronic renal disease.

The Commission gathers and disseminates information on the treatment of chronic renal disease in the State. It also sets physical and medical standards for the operation of dialysis and renal transplantation centers and sets standards for the acceptance of a patient into the treatment phase of such programs. Patients accepted for treatment are

eligible for State medical assistance. For the public and providers of health services, the Commission also institutes and supervises educational programs on kidney disease and its treatment and prevention.

The Commission consists of twelve members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. Four members are lay persons to the field of medicine, one represents the medical insurance industry, and three are appointed at the Governor's discretion. The remaining four members are appointed by the Governor from lists of names submitted respectively by the Kidney Foundation of Maryland, the medical faculties of the University of Maryland and The Johns Hopkins University, and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. The Commission appoints the executive director (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-301 through 13-307).

STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS

Robert T. Foard, Jr., *President*, 1994

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene and Senate advice & consent: Robert C. Adams, Sr., 1991; Richard A. Coleman, 1991; Erich W. March, 1991; Hilary L. Stallings, 1991; Gerald C. Bounds, 1993; Bernard A. Dabrowski, Jr., 1993; Stanley T. Levinson, 1993; Debra E. Aronson, 1994; Diana G. Samuels, 1994; one vacancy.

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The State Board of Morticians was established as the State Board of Undertakers in 1902 (Chapter 160, Acts of 1902). In 1937, it was renamed the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. The Board received its present name in 1981 (Chapter 8, Acts of 1981).

Every funeral director and mortician in the State must register with and procure a license from the Board. The Board sets the standards for the practice of mortuary science in the State and examines applicants for licensure. The Board renews licenses every two years and has the power to suspend or revoke any license. The Board makes regulations for the enforcement of laws regarding funeral directing and mortuary science.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and with Senate consent, the Governor appoints the Board's twelve members to four-year terms. Eight members are practicing licensed morticians or funeral directors, and four members are consumers who have no training or substantial financial interest in the profession. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 6-101 through 6-602).