

dations cover levels of State spending, new debt authorization, and State personnel, as well as how any anticipated surplus may be used.

The Committee consists of the Senate President and House Speaker; chairpersons of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee; the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House or their designees; and an equal number of other senators and delegates as designated by the President and Speaker (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-1001 through 2-1010).

#### TORT & INSURANCE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Walter M. Baker, *Senate Chairperson*  
John S. Arnick, *House Chairperson*

*Appointed by Senate President:* George W. Della, Jr.; John W. Derr; Leo E. Green; Frederick C. Malkus, Jr.; Thomas P. O'Reilly; John A. Pica, Jr.; Norman R. Stone, Jr.; Gerald W. Winegrad.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* Gary R. Alexander; J. Ernest Bell II; Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.; Brian E. Frosh; John D. Jefferies; George H. Littrell; Casper R. Taylor, Jr.; Michael H. Weir.

Staff: Susan H. Russell 841-3870

Created in 1987, the Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight Committee examines and evaluates the structure of medical liability insurance in Maryland and the effects of reform legislation on that structure (Chapter 596, Acts of 1987). The Insurance Commissioner must keep the Committee fully informed on the condition of medical liability insurance in Maryland.

The Committee consists of eighteen members. The Senate President appoints three members each from the Judicial Proceedings Committee, Finance Committee, and Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee. The House Speaker appoints three members each from the Judiciary Committee, Economic Matters Committee, and Environmental Matters Committee.

#### SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM (VEIP)

*Appointed by Senate President:* Howard A. Denis; Thomas P. O'Reilly; Norman R. Stone, Jr.

*Appointed by House Speaker:* Anthony M. DiPietro; Ellen R. Sauerbrey; one vacancy.

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The Special Joint Committee on the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) was created in 1979 when the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspec-

tion Program was established within the Motor Vehicle Administration (Chapter 421, Acts of 1979). The Committee, however, was not active until it was reconstituted in 1988 when the Program was continued (Chapter 108, Acts of 1988).

The Committee consults regularly with the Secretary of the Environment and the Secretary of Transportation on the administration of the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program and on any contract the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Secretary of the Environment enter into for administering the Program.

The Committee is composed of three senators appointed by the Senate President and three delegates appointed by the House Speaker (Code Transportation Article, sec. 23-203(c)).

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT & INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thomas L. Bromwell, *Senate Chairperson*  
Elijah E. Cummings, *House Chairperson*

*Appointed by Senate President & House Speaker:* Christopher B. Costello; Harvey A. Epstein; Kenneth R. Lippman, M.D.; Ethel A. Murray; JoAnn Porter, Ken Reichard; Joel D. Rozner; Charles H. Rush; James C. Simpson; W. Bradley Wallace.

*Ex officio:* Steven Rosenbaum, G. Joseph Sills, members, Workers' Compensation Commission.

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The Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee was created in 1987 (Chapter 590, Acts of 1987). The Committee evaluates and examines the condition of the structure for workers' compensation and benefits in Maryland. The Committee also monitors the effects on that structure of the changes enacted by Chapters 590 and 591, Acts of 1987. To enable the Committee to carry out its function, the State Insurance Commissioner and the Workers' Compensation Commission submit an annual report to the Committee, cooperate with, and keep the Oversight Committee fully informed as to the condition of workers' compensation benefits and insurance in Maryland.

Members of the Committee are appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who also designate the chairperson. The members include two senators, two delegates, one representative each from the business community, labor organizations, and the building and construction labor organizations, two public members, and one member each from the insurance industry and a workers' compensation rating organization.