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## DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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Standards of performance for several vocations are enforced by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Created in 1980, the Division supervises a variety of specialized occupations, including accountants, architects, engineers, cosmetologists, barbers, home improvement contractors, and real estate brokers. The Division regulates the sports of boxing and wrestling as well.

The Division oversees and coordinates fourteen boards, four commissions, and an investigative unit. The Commissioner plans and directs the daily administrative, fiscal and technical functions of these agencies and administers all aspects of their licensing laws.

### STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

Daniel W. Bennett, Jr., *Chair*, 1998  
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The State Board of Architects originated in 1935 as the Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects (Chapter 309, Acts of 1935). The Board was renamed as the Maryland Architectural Registration Board in 1968 (Chapter 463, Acts of 1968). In 1989, the Board received its present name (Chapter 3, Acts of 1989). 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 Board or pass its examination before being registered and licensed to practice.

The Governor appoints the Board's seven members to five-year terms with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and with Senate advice and consent. The Governor also names the chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-701).

### STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

D. Chester O'Sullivan, *Chair*, 1999  
Patrick S. Pannella, *Executive Director*  
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The State Athletic Commission was formed in 1920 (Chapter 710, Acts of 1920). The Commission supervises all professional kick boxing, boxing, sparring and wrestling matches and exhibitions held in Maryland. It enacts and enforces rules to govern such

bouts. It licenses all corporations, associations, or persons sponsoring such bouts, and all referees, managers, seconds, and participants. The Commission collects from all sponsors of boxing and wrestling matches a fee equal to ten percent of the gross gate receipts and also ten percent of the sale of radio, television or motion picture rights to boxing and wrestling events. The fees are deposited as State general funds with the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The Commission's five members are appointed to six-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 4-201 through 4-208).

### STATE BOARD OF BARBERS

John O. Gatton, Sr., *President*, 1999  
Kathleen A. Harryman, *Administrator*  
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The State Board of Barbers began in 1904 as the Board of Barber Examiners (Chapter 226, Acts of 1904). The Board received its present name in 1989 (Chapter 3, Acts of 1989). The Board examines and registers all applicants for barber licenses in the State. With the approval of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Board may appoint subboards to assist in inspection and licensing. The Board also has the power to make rules and regulations.

The Board's seven members are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. The Governor names the president, secretary, and treasurer. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 4-101 through 4-701).

### STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS

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The State Board of Cosmetologists originated as the Board of Hairdressers and Beauty Culturists in 1935 (Chapter 282, Acts of 1935). The Board received its present name in 1961 (Chapter 278, Acts of 1961). The Board examines, licenses, and regulates all persons engaged in the operation and practice of beauty culture within the State. The Board conducts examinations throughout the State at least four times a month.

The Board is composed of five members appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-702).