

Commission refers charges or complaints made by itself or others to the Board for hearings. The Board hears all matters referred to it and submits its findings and recommendations to the Commission. The Commission names one of its members as Board chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 17-325, 17-326).

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

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The State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers was created in 1990 to license real estate appraisers (Chapter 594, Acts of 1990). Any person who wishes to provide real estate appraisal services in Maryland must be licensed by the Commission.

The Commission's nine members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Nominated by the Commission, the Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 16-101 through 16-802).

LICENSURE OF SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS & PAWNBROKERS

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In 1981, the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation was authorized to license every individual dealer in secondhand precious metals and gems in the State (Chapter 436, Acts of 1981). This licensure was extended in 1982 to cover pawnbrokers in those jurisdictions not having local licenses. Since 1995, the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has been responsible for these duties (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 12-101 through 12-601).

LICENSURE OF SPORTS AGENTS

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In 1988, the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation was authorized to license sports agents recruiting athletes in Maryland and to suspend or revoke such licenses after a hearing (Chapter 695, Acts of 1988). The statute imposes certain duties on sports agents regarding the filing of contracts, disclosure of fee schedules, contract cancellation, advertising, prohibited activities, and record keeping. Since 1995, the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation has been responsible for these duties. (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 4-401 through 4-426).

DIVISION OF RACING

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The Division of Racing originated in 1980 as the Division of Sports and Recreation and was reorganized under its present name in 1985. The Division of Racing oversees the work of the Maryland Racing Commission. The Maryland Racing Commission, through the Division of Racing, regulates thoroughbred and harness horse racing.

MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION

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The Maryland Racing Commission was formed in 1920 (Chapter 273, Acts of 1920). It licenses all persons, associations, or corporations that hold any horse racing meet within the State where racing is permitted for any stake, purse, or reward. The Commission makes all regulations governing the races. It may also regulate the size of a purse, the price of admission, or the charge made for any article or service sold at the meets. All persons engaged in racing in Maryland under assumed names must register with the Commission for permission to use such names. The Commission may revoke or suspend the license of any person or corporation engaged in racing within the State who violates the racing laws or Commission rules. For jockeys it licenses to ride thoroughbred horses, the Commission secures workers' compensation insurance coverage on a blanket basis.

The Commission's nine members are appointed for four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Governor names the chair. The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation appoints the Executive Director. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 2001 (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 11-201 through 11-214).

MARYLAND-BRED RACE FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John P. McDaniel, *Chair*, 1996
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In 1962, the Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee began administering the Maryland-Bred Race Program and the Maryland-Bred Race Fund (Chapter 137, Acts of 1962). The Fund is supported by an assessment on each thoroughbred track licensee of a portion of the mutual pool of all its horse races during the year. The Fund is then apportioned between a purse for races involving Maryland-bred horses and awards given to breeder, owner, and stallion for horses bred in Maryland.