

This Article shall not apply to cases of occupational disease in which the last injurious exposure to the hazards of such diseases occurred before June 1, 1939.

1939, ch. 465, sec. 32G.

40. There shall be a Medical Board consisting of three members who shall be licensed physicians in good professional standing, two of whom shall have had at least five (5) years' practice in the diagnosis, treatment and care of industrial diseases, and one of whom shall be especially trained in roentgenology, and who shall have had at least five (5) years' practice and experience. They shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from a list of nominees to be submitted by the Deans of the medical departments of the University of Maryland and of the Johns Hopkins University, and by the council of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, each of these three agencies to submit a list of at least three persons, two of whom shall be especially experienced in occupational diseases, and one of whom shall be an experienced roentgenologist. One of said members shall be designated as Chairman of the Medical Board by the Governor. The term of office of a member of such Board shall be six (6) years, except that the first appointments hereunder shall be made as follows: one for two (2) years, one for four (4) years, and one for six (6) years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointments as hereinabove provided. A majority of the Medical Board shall constitute a quorum. The Medical Board shall have the power and authority to make rules regulating its procedure, to contract for laboratory work, to make necessary investigations of working conditions; to provide for ordering and the conducting of autopsies, to conduct hearings on medical questions, to determine medical issues, and to perform such other reasonable duties as the work of the Board may require. The functions of the Board shall be as set forth elsewhere in this Article.

The members of the Medical Board shall devote as much of their time as may be required to perform the duties and carry out the functions of the Board as set forth in this Article. The Chairman of the Medical Board shall receive an annual salary of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) and the two associate members of the Board shall receive an annual salary of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) each, and each member of the Board shall be entitled to the reasonable and necessary traveling and other necessary expenses incurred while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.

1939, ch. 465, sec. 32H.

41. Upon the filing of a claim for compensation for death from an occupational disease where an autopsy is necessary to accurately and scientifically ascertain and determine the cause of death, such autopsy shall be ordered by the Medical Board and shall be made under the supervision of the coroner, medical examiner or public official equivalent thereto. The Medical Board may designate a duly licensed physician, who is a specialist in such examinations, to perform or attend such autopsy, and to certify his findings thereon. Such findings shall be filed with the Medical Board and shall be a public record. The State Industrial Accident Commission also may exercise such authority on its own motion or on