

19. *Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Board.* (a) *There is hereby created within the Department of Labor and Industry an Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of ~~five~~ SIX members, of whom two shall represent industry, two shall represent labor, and one, who shall serve as chairman, shall represent the public. AT LEAST ONE OF THE MEMBERS REPRESENTING INDUSTRY AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE MEMBERS REPRESENTING LABOR SHALL HAVE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY WORK. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with the approval of the Governor for a term of six years or until their successors are appointed and qualified and such appointments are approved by the Governor: Provided, That in the initial appointment of members of the Board one member representing industry and one member representing labor shall be appointed for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with the approval of the Governor in the same manner as the original appointments. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Director of the State Department of Health, or an assistant designated by him, shall be ~~ex officio members~~ AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER of the Board but shall have no vote and receive no additional compensation for duties performed in connection therewith.*

(b) *Members of the Board shall receive no salary but shall receive compensation as provided in the Budget from time to time for each day or part thereof necessarily spent in the discharge of their official duties and shall in addition be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary travel and other expenses in amounts approved by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry.*

20. *Duties of the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Board.* Assistance to be given Board. (a) *In addition to such other duties as may be conferred upon it by law, the Board shall formulate and propose to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry such reasonable rules and regulations, or modifications, amendments or repeals of rules and regulations, for the prevention of accidents and occupational diseases in every employment or place of employment, and for reporting of such accidents and diseases as the Board shall find, upon the basis of substantial evidence presented at a public hearing held in accordance with the provisions of Section 23, to be necessary for the protection of the life, health and safety of employees.*

(b) *The Board shall refer the proposed rules or regulations, or modifications, amendments or repeals of existing rules and regulations to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry for consideration. It shall submit therewith a report, indicating the need for the proposals and summarizing the testimony presented at the public hearing and any other information or technical data available to the Board.*

(c) *In the development of such proposed rules and regulations, or of modifications, amendments or repeals of rules and regulations, the Board may appoint special committees composed of employees, employers, and experts to make recommendations as to proposed rules and regulations or to assist the Board in developing such rules and regulations. It may call upon the Commissioner of Labor and Industry for technical assistance and advice. On matters affecting*