

health, the Board may also call upon the Director of the State Department of Health, or an assistant designated by him, for technical assistance and advice. In addition, the Board may utilize the advice and assistance of individuals or organizations, or of other agencies having special knowledge of the proposals being considered by it.

(d) The Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Director of the State Department of Health, or an assistant designed by him, shall make available to the Board any information or technical data that will aid the Board in determining the need for and in formulating rules and regulations for the protection of the life, health and safety of employees.

21. Duties of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Director of the State Department of Health. (a) The Commissioner of Labor and Industry may make recommendations to the Board regarding rules and regulations for the protection of the life, health, and safety of employees, or modifications, amendments or repeals of such existing rules and regulations, as he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this sub-title. He shall also have authority to appoint special committees of employees, employers, and experts to consider specific problems arising under this sub-title and to make recommendations to the Board.

(b) The Director of the State Department of Health, or his designated assistant, may make recommendations to the Board regarding rules and regulations for the protection of the health of employees or modifications, amendments, or repeals of such existing rules and regulations affecting health as he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this sub-title.

22. Rule-making power. (a) In addition to such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon him by law, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall within fifteen days after the receipt from the Board of proposed rules and regulations, or amendments, modifications or repeals of existing rules and regulations, either accept, adopt, and issue such rules and regulations, amendments, modifications, or repeals, or shall refer them back to the Board for further consideration and revision.

(b) In case the proposed rules and regulations submitted by the Board are identical with any rules or regulations promulgated by any other department, board or public agency of this State, or identical with standards approved by any national organization or association organized or conducted in whole or in part for the purpose of developing standards for the protection of the life, health, or safety of employees, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry may adopt such standards, rules or regulations by reference, without setting forth the provisions of such standards, rules or regulations, provided copies of such standards, rules or regulations so adopted by reference are filed in accordance with this subsection. In case the Commissioner of Labor and Industry adopts standards, rules, or regulations by reference, he shall keep on file in his office at least three copies thereof, available for public use, inspection, and examination. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24, regarding publications of rules and regulations or amendments thereof, the standards adopted by reference need not be published, but the Commissioner of