

industry, investigates complaints filed by homeowners against individuals operating as home improvement contractors, and takes administrative or legal action when violations of the law are found (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 245-269).

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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

Chairperson: Albert L. Jones, 1983

Vice-Chairperson: William C. Harloff, 1985

Daniel W. Spaulding, 1983; Donald E. Howard, 1984; John J. Moran, Jr., 1984; James C. Latham, 1985; Michael P. Goodfellow, 1986; Robert E. Mitchell, 1986.

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Originally established by Chapter 351, Acts of 1939, the Real Estate Commission had its membership expanded by Chapter 617, Acts of 1961. Composition of the Commission was redefined by Chapter 506, Acts of 1966; Chapter 653, Acts of 1971; and Chapter 851, Acts of 1974. The Commission is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the members, one each represents the Eastern Shore, Central Maryland, Baltimore City, Southern Maryland, and Western Maryland, and three represent the State at large. The at large members cannot be engaged in the real estate business. All members must be citizens and residents of the area for which they were appointed for not less than five years, and, except for the at large members, they must have been actively engaged in the real estate business for ten years prior to appointment. The Commission selects its own chairperson.

The Real Estate Commission licenses all real estate brokers and salesmen doing business in Maryland. Each applicant for a real estate salesman's or broker's license must complete courses relating to principles of real estate in order to qualify for examination.

The Commission has the power to revoke, refuse, or suspend the license of any person for violating the real estate laws or for unethical conduct. By Chapter 648, Acts of 1971, the Com-

mission administers the Real Estate Guaranty Fund of Maryland, which in essence bonds all licensees (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 212-232).

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REAL ESTATE HEARING BOARD

The Real Estate Hearing Board was created by Chapter 89, Acts of 1968. By this law, the Real Estate Commission of Maryland may appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, three of its members to sit as a real estate hearing board. The Commission designates one of its members as Board chairperson, while all Commission members serve on the Board on a rotating basis.

The Commission may refer charges or complaints made by itself or other persons under the provisions of Section 224 of Article 56 of the Code to the Board for hearings on these matters. The Board holds hearings on all matters referred to it and submits its findings and recommendations to the Commission. The exercise or performance of all powers, authority, duty, and functions vested in the Board by the law are subject to the power and authority of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation as set forth in Article 41 of the Code and elsewhere in the laws of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 56, sec. 224A).

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The Executive Director of the Licensing Boards provides centralized administrative staff for the State Board of Examining Engineers, State Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors, State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing, Board of Examiners of Hearing Aid Dealers, Maryland Architectural Registration Board, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, State Board of Public Accountancy, State Board of Registration for Foresters, Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects, State Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors, Board of