
DIVISION OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

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Established in 1884 as the Bureau of Statistics and Information, the Division of Labor and Industry is one of the oldest governmental agencies in this field in the United States, antedating the U.S. Department of Labor by one year (Chapter 211, Acts of 1884). After 1892, the Department was known as the Industrial Bureau. A reorganization in 1916 renamed it the State Board of Labor and Statistics with enforcement powers for all factory acts. Further reformed in 1939 (Chapter 747, Acts of 1939), the Board in 1945 became the Department of Labor and Industry (Chapter 938, Acts of 1945). It adopted its present name in 1970 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1970).

The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation with the approval of the Governor and holds office at the pleasure of the Secretary. Under direction of the Commissioner, the Division enforces laws and regulations affecting workers and employers.

The Division is organized into three sections: Occupational Safety and Health; Prevailing Wage; and Safety Inspection. Authorization for the Division continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Labor and Employment Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-109).

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH

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The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973 reorganized Maryland safety programs and enforcement authorities into a single State occupational safety and health program (Chapter 59, Acts of 1973). Maryland's concern for safety and health in the workplace dates back to 1884 when the Bureau of Statistics and Information was established.

The Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) Program enforces the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration program in Maryland (with the exception of maritime industries and federal employment).

The Program requires that each employer provide a safe and healthful workplace by complying with occupational safety and health regulations and preventing injuries and illnesses. To that end, MOSH inspects workplaces and, when violations are found, issues citations and assesses penalties. The Program also provides free consultation sur-

veys and offers free educational and training programs (Code Labor and Employment Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-901).

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

Howard E. Marshall, *Chairperson, 1997*
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The Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board was formed in 1955 as the Occupational Safety Advisory Board (Chapter 44, Acts of 1955). The Board adopted its present name in 1968 (Chapter 530, Acts of 1968).

The Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board formulates and proposes to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry rules and regulations to prevent accidents and occupational diseases in every occupation or place of employment in Maryland.

The Board consists of eleven members appointed for six-year terms by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry with the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation. Two members represent industry, two represent labor, two represent health professions, one represents agriculture, one represents businesses regulated by the Public Service Commission, and three represent the general public. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry designates a public member as chairperson. Members are selected for their experience and competence in the field of occupational safety and health. Members representing health professions are recommended by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Secretary of Agriculture recommends the member representing agriculture. The Chairperson of the Public Service Commission recommends the member representing businesses regulated by the Public Service Commission. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Labor and Employment Article, secs. 5-301 through 5-305).

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS**

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The Advisory Committee on Safety Training Programs for Power Equipment Operators was established by statute in 1990 (Chapter 481, Acts of 1990). The Commissioner of Labor and Industry convenes with the Advisory Committee to review the safety and training of power equipment operators.

In consultation with the Advisory Committee, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry is to develop a model program for employers to use in training power equipment operators, as well as an education program for employers about safety training. With the advice of the Advisory Committee, the Commissioner also will devise a statistical