

kers, associate brokers, or salespersons. Four members are consumers. Of the professional 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 have been citizens and residents of the area for which they were appointed for not less than five years before appointment. Excepting the at-large members, they also must have been actively engaged in the real estate business for ten years prior to appointment. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 16-101 through 16-702).

REAL ESTATE HEARING BOARD

The authority to create the Real Estate Hearing Board was given to the Commission in 1968 (Chapter 89, Acts of 1968). With the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, the Real Estate Commission may appoint three of its members to sit as a real estate hearing board. The Commission refers charges or complaints made by itself or other persons to the Board for hearings. The Board hears all matters referred to it and submits its findings and recommendations to the Commission. The Commission designates one of its members as Board chairperson. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 16-325, 16-326).

STATE COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

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The State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers was created in 1990 to license real estate appraisers (Chapter 594, Acts of 1990). Any person who wishes to provide real estate appraisal services in Maryland must be licensed by the Commission.

The Commission's nine members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Nominated by the Commission, the Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 15.5-101 through 15.5-802).

LICENSURE OF SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS & PAWNBROKERS

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In 1981, the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation was authorized to license every individual dealer in secondhand precious metals and gems in the State (Chapter 436, Acts of 1981). This licensure was extended in 1982 to cover pawnbrokers in those jurisdictions not having local licenses (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 12-101 through 12-601).

LICENSURE OF SPORTS AGENTS

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In 1988, the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation was authorized to license sports agents recruiting athletes in Maryland and to suspend or revoke such licenses after a hearing (Chapter 695, Acts of 1988). The statute imposes certain duties on sports agents regarding the filing of contracts, disclosure of fee schedules, contract cancellation, advertising, prohibited activities, and record keeping (Code Business Regulation Article, secs. 4-401 through 4-426).

DIVISION OF RACING

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Established in 1985, the Division of Racing oversees the work of the Maryland Racing Commission.

MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION

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The Maryland Racing Commission was formed in 1920 (Chapter 273, Acts of 1920). It licenses all persons, associations, or corporations that hold any horse racing meet within the State where racing is permitted for any stake, purse, or reward. The Commission makes all regulations governing the races. It may also regulate the size of a purse, the price of admission, or the charge made for any article or service sold at the meets. All persons engaged in racing in Maryland under assumed names must register with the Commission for permission to use such names. The Commission may revoke or suspend the license of any person or corporation engaged in racing within the State who violates the racing laws or Commission rules.

The Commission's nine members are appointed for four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. No more than six members may belong to the same political party. At least three members must be knowledgeable or experienced in some aspect of thoroughbred racing, and at least