

3, Acts of 1989). The Board establishes rules and regulations to ensure the safety of pilotage services. In 1984, the responsibility for setting pilotage fees and charges was transferred to the Public Service Commission (Chapter 727, Acts of 1984).

The Board consists of nine members appointed for two-year terms by the Governor. The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (or designee) serves *ex officio* and the eight remaining members are appointed with the Secretary's advice. The Governor names the chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 11-101 through 11-802).

#### STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING

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The first board for examining and licensing plumbers in Maryland was established in 1886 (Chapter 439, Acts of 1886). Its jurisdiction was limited to Baltimore City. The State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing was created with statewide jurisdiction in 1910 (Chapter 436, Acts of 1910). In 1988, it was renamed the State Board of Plumbing (Chapter 647, Acts of 1988).

The Board examines and certifies journeymen and master plumbers. It regulates the plumbing trade. Periodically, the Board also publishes the State Plumbing Code.

The Board has nine members. They are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. The Governor designates the chair. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2003 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 12-101 through 12-702).

#### STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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The State Board of Public Accountancy originated in 1900 as the Board of Examiners of Public Accountants (Chapter 719, Acts of 1900). In 1961, the Board was renamed the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy (Chapter 819, Acts of 1961). It became the State Board of Public Accountancy in 1989 (Chapter 3, Acts of 1989).

Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Board examines applicants for certificates as certified public accountants; judges applications by certified public accountants of other states for reciprocal certificates; and enrolls certified public accountants, cor-

porations, and partnerships engaging in certified public accounting services.

Examinations are held each May and November. The Board issues certificates to those who pass the examinations or whose applications for reciprocal certificates are approved. For specified causes, the Board may revoke or suspend any such certificate, registration, or enrollment after written notice to the holder and reasonable opportunity for a hearing. In 1970, the General Assembly established minimum educational requirements for applicants and gave the Board jurisdiction over professional ethics.

Consisting of seven members, the Board is appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 2004 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-702).

#### STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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The Real Estate Commission of Maryland was constituted in 1939 to license all real estate brokers and salespersons doing business in Maryland (Chapter 351, Acts of 1939). In 1988, the Commission was renamed the State Real Estate Commission (Chapter 563, Acts of 1988). The Commission adopts regulations for licensing real estate brokers and salespersons, formulates a code of ethics for the business of real estate, and sets standards for hearings conducted by itself or the Real Estate Hearing Board. Each applicant for a real estate salesperson's or broker's license must complete courses relating to the principles of real estate in order to qualify for examination.

The Commission may revoke, refuse, or suspend a license and reprimand or fine a person up to \$2,000 per violation for unethical conduct or violation of the real estate laws. Since 1971, the Commission has administered the Real Estate Guaranty Fund of Maryland (Chapter 648, Acts of 1971). The Fund, in essence, bonds all licensees.

The Commission is composed of nine members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 2002 (Code Business Occupations and Professions Article, secs. 17-101 through 17-702).

#### REAL ESTATE HEARING BOARD

The authority to create the Real Estate Hearing Board was given to the State Real Estate Commission in 1968 (Chapter 89, Acts of 1968). With the approval of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Commission may appoint three of its members to sit as a real estate hearing board. The