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(a) The Governor shall establish a Forensic Laboratory Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary on matters relating to the implementation of the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following 10 members:

(1) The Director of the Laboratories Administration in the Department, or the Director's designee;

(2) The Director of the Office of Health Care Quality in the Department, or the Director's designee; and

(3) The following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) One from the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science;

(ii) One from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Medical Research and Technology;

(iii) One from the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation;

(iv) One from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences;

(v) One from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board; and

(vi) Three directors of forensic laboratories in the State, including:

1. One from a forensic laboratory operated by the State;

2. One from a forensic laboratory operated by a county; and

3. One from a forensic laboratory operated by a municipal corporation.

(c) (1) The term of an appointed member is 3 years.

(2) The terms of appointed members are staggered as required by the terms provided for appointed members of the Advisory Committee on October 1, 2007.

(d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Advisory Committee.

(e) A majority of the members serving on the Advisory Committee represents a quorum to conduct business.

(f) A member of the Advisory Committee may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Department shall provide staff for the Advisory Committee.

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