



The Senate of Maryland
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Senate Bill 147 – State Board of Stationary Engineers - Member Appointments -
Advice and Consent of the Senate.**

I am Senator Simonaire presenting SB 147.

Out of respect for the committee's time, and since I worked with the **Department of Labor** on this consensus legislation with no known opposition, I asked others to just submit written letters of support.

This bill **updates current law to match existing practice** with the Stationary Engineers Board by correctly updating the underlying policy that appointed Board members must have the consent of the Senate, not just the advice of the Senate.

In Maryland law, all other board appointments that require the 'advice' of the senate', also require the 'consent' of the senate.

In 6.5 – 202, the phrase 'with the advice of the senate' inadvertently left out, "with the advice and consent of the senate".

This new language aligns with **over 200** other occurrences where it states the board member is appointed by the Governor with the 'the advice and consent of the senate'.

This is the only place in code where '**consent**' was left out, and this bill adds the word 'consent'.

This revision to Maryland law simply codifies current practice:

- Just last year, this board went through the normal advice and consent of the senate process with recent appointments.
- Even the Department's website quotes this 6.5 – 202 section of law and automatically inserted the correct 'advice and consent' language even though that language is not in the actual law.
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Ask for your favorable consideration.