

State of Delaware Department of State



Division of Professional Regulation

Mission

- The mission of the **Division of Professional Regulation** is to ensure the protection of the public's health, safety and economic well-being through administrative and investigative services to Governor-appointed boards and commissions.



Vision

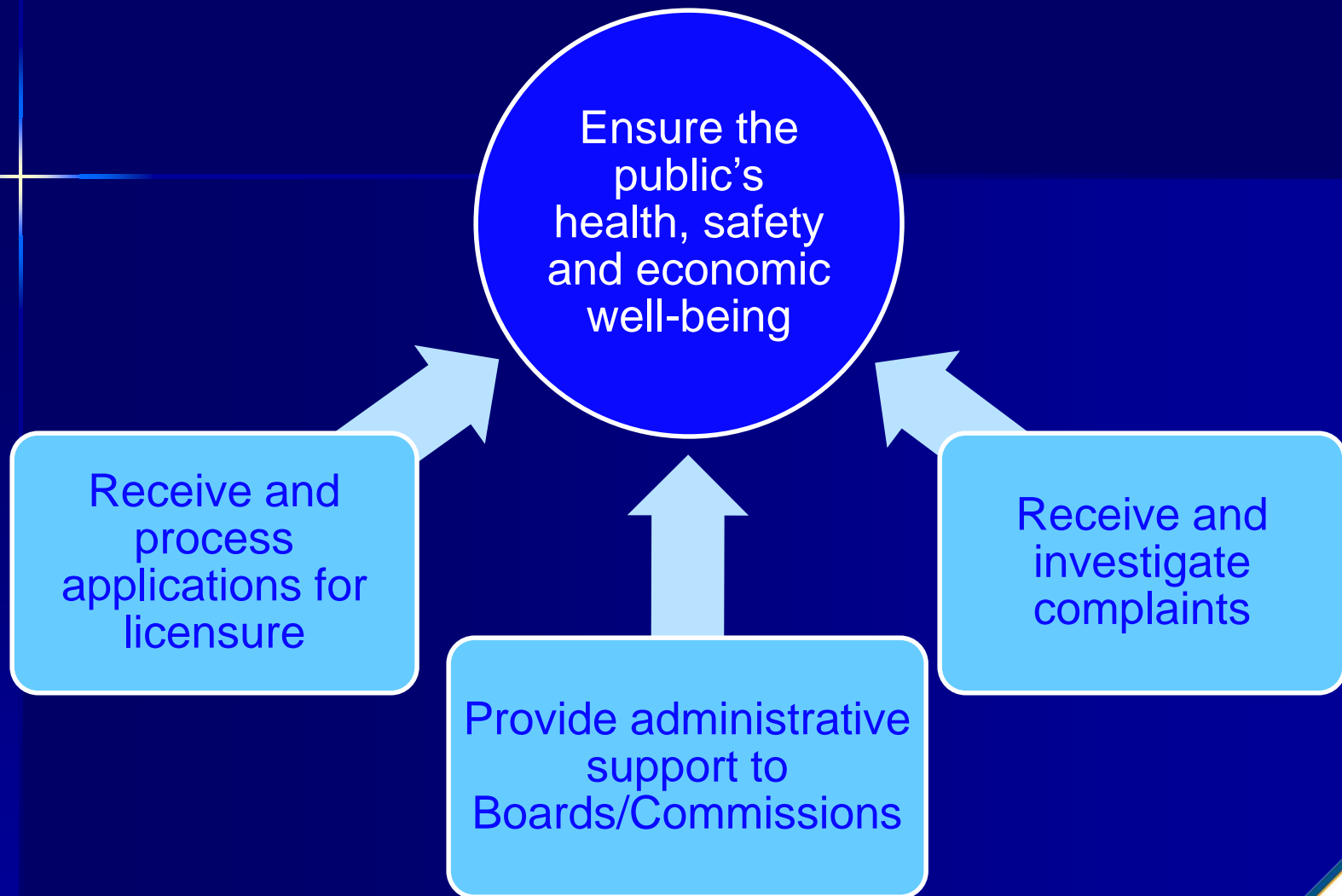
- Delivering innovative and responsive services through individual and team initiative, creativity and leadership.



Umbrella or Not?

- Delaware = umbrella





Background

DPR provides regulatory oversight for 34 boards & commissions, which are comprised of Governor-appointed public and professional members. The activities of this oversight include:

- administrative, fiscal, and investigative support for 54 professions, trades and events
- over 400 public meetings and hearings per year



Background

The Division currently provides services for:

- over 270 board/commission members
- over 90,000 licensees

Licensure and service fees fund the Division and the expenditures attributed to support each licensing board, investigative activities, and all other Division overhead.



Boards & Commissions

- Board of Accountancy
- Commission on Adult Entertainment Establishments
- Board of Architects
- Board of Chiropractic
- Board of Cosmetology and Barbering
- Combative Sports
- Deadly Weapons Dealers
- Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
- Board of Dietetics/Nutrition
- Board of Electrical Examiners
- Board of Funeral Services
- Board of Home Inspectors
- Board of Charitable Gaming
- Board of Geology
- Board of Landscape Architecture
- Board of Professional Land Surveyors
- Board of Manufactured Home Installation
- Board of Massage and Bodywork
- Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
- Board of Nursing
- Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators
- Board of Occupational Therapy
- Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Board of Pharmacy
- Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers
- Board of Plumbing & HVACR Examiners
- Board of Podiatry
- Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals
- Board of Examiners of Psychologists
- Real Estate Commission
- Council on Real Estate Appraisers
- Board of Pilot Commissioners
- Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners
- Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, & Hearing Aid Dispensers
- Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Office of Controlled Substances



Boards' Authority

- Derived from statute
- Limited
- Includes:



Boards' Authority

- Includes:
 - Purpose
 - Board composition and member requirements
 - Minimum license qualifications
 - License maintenance requirements
 - Delineates what constitutes cause for discipline (violations)
 - Disciplinary process
 - Limits of discipline



Divisions' Authority

- Includes such things as:
 - Establishment of fees imposed
 - Define forms and materials used for application and renewal
 - Impose monetary fines as a result of finds from inspections (occupation-specific)
 - Conduct investigations on behalf of Boards and Secretary of State – defined in statute
 - Contract with license testing vendors



Recent activities

- Licensure of non-nurse midwives (Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline)
- Licensure of Art Therapists (Board of Mental Health Counselors)
- Licensure of Massage & Bodywork establishments
- Addiction Action Committee
- PMP Advisory Committee



Current Legislative Activities

- Board of Clinical Social Work – expansion to multi-tiered licensure; practice protection
- Board of Occupational Therapy – “Sunset Review” resulting in straightforward ‘clean-up’ of current language in the statute



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