

Article - Health Occupations

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There is a State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists in the Department.

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(a) (1) The Board consists of 13 members.

(2) Of the 13 Board members:

(i) 3 shall be licensed audiologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in audiology;

(ii) 3 shall be licensed speech-language pathologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in speech-language pathology;

(iii) 2 shall be physicians who:

1. Are licensed to practice medicine in this State; and

2. Hold a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otolaryngology;

(iv) 2 shall be consumer members, 1 of whom shall be hearing impaired; and

(v) 3 shall be licensed hearing aid dispensers who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in dispensing hearing aids.

(3) The Governor shall appoint the physician members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland Society of Otolaryngology with the approval of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. There shall be at least [three] 3 names on the list.

(4) The Governor shall appoint the [audiologist and] speech-language pathologist members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association. The number of names on the list shall be at least [three] 3 times the number of vacancies.

(5) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE AUDIOLOGIST MEMBERS, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY, FROM A LIST SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY AND THE GOVERNOR, JOINTLY BY THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY AND THE MARYLAND SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION. THE NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE LIST SHALL BE AT LEAST 3 TIMES THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES.

(II) FOR EACH AUDIOLOGIST VACANCY, THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY AND THE MARYLAND SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOCIATION SHALL: