

This bill requires the Governor to appoint the audiologist members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists, with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, from a list submitted by the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association. The number of names on the list must be at least three times the number of vacancies. For each audiologist vacancy on the board, the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association must notify all licensed audiologists in the State to solicit nominations. The associations must conduct a mail ballot of all licensed audiologists to select the names that will be submitted to the Secretary and the Governor.

Senate Bill 735, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1157.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 1157**

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and  
Speech-Language Pathologists – Appointment of Audiologist Members**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint the audiologist members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists from a certain list submitted to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association; requiring that the list contain a certain minimum number of people; requiring the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association to notify by mail all licensed audiologists of the vacancy on the Board; requiring the Maryland Academy of Audiology and the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association to conduct a ballot of all licensed audiologists to select the names that will be submitted to the Secretary and the Governor; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the appointment of audiologist members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health Occupations  
Section 2-201  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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