

CHAPTER 547
(House Bill 770)

AN ACT to add new Sections 791 to 808 to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Health," to follow immediately after Section 790 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Audiologists and Speech Pathologists," placing the registration and regulation of persons providing audiological and speech pathology services under the Boards of Examiners for Audiologists and Speech Pathologists in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, making general provisions for the regulation of persons and agencies furnishing audiological and speech pathology services in this State, and relating generally to the provision of audiological and speech pathology services.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 791 to 808 be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Health," to follow immediately after Section 790 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Audiologists and Speech Pathologists," and to read as follows:

791. *Audiologists and Speech Pathologists*

Definitions. As used in this subtitle, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Board" means the Board of Examiners for Audiologists or the Board of Examiners for Speech Pathologists, ~~or both~~.

(2) "Certificate of Registration" includes a temporary certificate of registration.

(3) "Person" means any individual, organization, or corporate body, except that only individuals can be licensed under this subtitle.

(4) "Audiologist" means any person who, for a fee, represents himself to the public by title or by description of services, methods or procedures as one who evaluates, examines, directs, instructs, or counsels persons suffering from disorders or conditions affecting hearing or assists persons in the perception of sound. A person is deemed to be an audiologist if he provides such services to the public under any title incorporating the terms "audiology," "audiologist," "audiological," "hearing clinic," "hearing clinician," "hearing or aural rehabilitation," "hearing specialist."

(5) "Speech Pathologist" means any person who, for a fee, represents himself to the public by title or by description of services, methods, or procedures as one who evaluates, examines, instructs, or counsels persons suffering from conditions or disorders affecting speech and language. A person is deemed to be a speech pathologist if he offers such services under any title incorporating the words "speech pathology," "speech correction," "speech correctionist," "speech therapy," "speech therapist," "speech clinic," "speech clinician," "logopedist," "communication disorders," "communicolo-