THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MINES WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE SECRETARY'S PLEASURE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE EXECUTIVE ABILITY AND EITHER A DEGREE IN MINING ENGINEERING FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR COMPARABLE KNOWLEDGE THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF MINING, PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSERVATION, AND RESEARCH, AND EXPERIENCE IN RECLAMATION, ABANDONED MINE RESTORATION, DRAINAGE ABATEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION. HE SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF HIS OPPICE, AND MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY WAY IN ANY COAL MINE, MINING OPERATION, OR MINING INVESTMENT IN THIS OR ANY CONTIGUOUS STATE. THE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXERCISE OF EVERY POWER AND DUTY CONFERRED ON DEPARTMENT BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE AND DELEGATED TO HIM BY THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 2 3 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1977.

## CHAPTER 438

(House Bill 491)

AN ACT concerning

Hearing Aid Dealers - Continuing Education Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring applicants for renewal of certificates of registration or of endorsement for fitting of and dealing in hearing aids to complete certain continuing education requirements after a certain date.

By adding to

Article 43 - Health Section 747A and 751(11) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 747A and 751(11) be and they are hereby added to Article 43 — Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health