

(A) COMPOSITION.

(1) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF FIVE MEMBERS.

(2) OF THE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

(I) THREE SHALL BE LICENSED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS;

(II) ONE SHALL BE A LICENSED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT; AND

(III) ONE SHALL BE A CONSUMER MEMBER.

(3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST MEMBERS AND THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT MEMBER, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY, FROM A LIST OF NAMES SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY AND THE GOVERNOR BY THE MARYLAND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION.

(4) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE CONSUMER MEMBER WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY AND THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST MEMBERS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT MEMBER.

EACH MEMBER WHO IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT SHALL:

(1) BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AT THE TIME OF NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT AND FOR THE DURATION OF THE TERM OF THE MEMBER; AND

(2) FOR AT LEAST 3 OF THE 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPOINTMENT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN:

(I) PRACTICING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OR LIMITED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY;

(II) TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY; OR

(III) PERFORMING RESEARCH IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

(C) QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSUMER MEMBER -- IN GENERAL.

THE CONSUMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD:

(1) SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC;

(2) MAY NOT BE OR EVER HAVE BEEN AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT OR IN TRAINING TO BECOME AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT;