

FOR the purpose of adding a public member who is a hearing impaired person to the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

523.

(a) There shall be a Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Dealers. The Board shall consist of [five] 6 members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall designate one member as chairman.

(b) Members of the Board shall be residents of this State. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO IS A HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON. One member shall be a person licensed to practice medicine in this State and shall hold a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otolaryngology. One member shall have at least four years of paid work experience in audiology, shall hold a certificate of clinical competence in audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association and shall be a member in good standing of that association. Three members shall be persons experienced in the sale of hearing aids, shall possess the qualifications provided in § 513 of this subtitle, and shall be recommended by the Maryland members of the Hearing Aid Dealers Association of Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware. [All] EXCEPT FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON, ALL persons appointed to the Board after the date on which the Board first issues a certificate of license, as provided in § 514(c) of this subtitle, shall be persons who hold valid certificates of license.

(c) Three members of the first appointed Board shall have terms of two, three and four years, respectively, and two members shall serve terms of five years, all dating from after July 1, 1969. Board members appointed thereafter shall serve terms of five years.

(d) The members of the Board shall receive a compensation as may be provided in the budget from time to time.

(e) The Board shall meet at least once a year at a place and time determined by the members. The Board may also meet at such other times as it may determine.