

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 407.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 407

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

FOR the purpose of creating the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ~~as a principal office in the Executive Department to serve~~ promote the general welfare of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the State; providing for the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Office; providing for the appointment, qualifications, powers, duties, and salary of the Director of the Office; providing for staffing of the Office; creating the Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; providing for the membership, appointment, qualifications, terms, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Council; and providing for the duties of the Office requiring the Director to submit certain annual reports on or before certain dates in a certain manner; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Council; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

BY adding to

~~Article 41 Governor Executive and Administrative Departments~~

~~Section 10 201 through 10 203, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle~~

Article - State Government

Section 9-2301 through 9-2307, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
2. 23. Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(~~1997~~ 1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

~~Article 41 Governor Executive and Administrative Departments~~

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE ~~2.~~ 23. OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING.

~~10 201.~~ 9-2301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(B) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.~~