

2. Conduct a balloting process by mail by which every licensed audiologist in the State is eligible to vote on the names of the licensed audiologists to be submitted to the Secretary and the Governor.

[(6)](5) The Governor shall appoint the hearing aid dispenser members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland members of the Hearing Aid Specialist Association of Maryland, District of Columbia, and Delaware. The number of names on the list shall be at least 3 times the number of vacancies.

[(7)](6) (i) The Governor shall appoint the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

(ii) 1. The Governor shall appoint the hearing impaired consumer member from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

2. The Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities shall solicit nominees from each of the hearing impaired associations in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of office of the members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists appointed under § 2-202(a)(2)(iii) of the Health Occupations Article, or their successors selected to fill a vacancy, who are in office as of September 30, 2003 shall terminate on October 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 591 - Procurement - Security for Construction Contracts - Retainage.

This bill limits the retainage that may be specified in a construction contract awarded by a public body under specified circumstances and authorizes a public body to withhold payments in addition to retainage under specified circumstances. The bill also requires a public body to release specified retainage to a contractor within 120 days after either the completion of the contract or the resolution of a specified dispute or contract claim.

House Bill 371, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 591.