

Pathologists; and generally relating to the ~~composition~~ voting powers of members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 2-202(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

2-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of ~~13~~ ~~11~~ members.

(2) Of the ~~13~~ ~~11~~ Board members:

(i) 3 shall be licensed audiologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in audiology;

(ii) 3 shall be licensed speech-language pathologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in speech-language pathology;

{(iii) 2 shall be physicians who SHALL BE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT ON PROPOSALS THAT EXPAND OR RESTRICT THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY AS DEFINED IN § 2-101(N) OF THIS TITLE OR THAT EXPAND OR RESTRICT THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AS DEFINED IN § 2-101(O) OF THIS TITLE, AND WHO:

1. Are licensed to practice medicine in this State; and

2. Hold a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otolaryngology;}

~~{(iv) (4H) 2 shall be consumer members, 1 of whom shall be hearing impaired; and~~

~~{(v) (4V) 3 shall be licensed hearing aid dispensers who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in dispensing hearing aids.~~

{(3) The Governor shall appoint the physician members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland Society of Otolaryngology with the approval of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. There shall be at least 3 names on the list.}

~~{(4) (4) The Governor shall appoint the speech-language pathologist members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association. The number of names on the list shall be at least 3 times the number of vacancies.~~