

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 281 – *State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists – Voting Powers*.

This bill limits the voting power of two members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists.

House Bill 427, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 281.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 281

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists – ~~Membership~~ Voting Powers

FOR the purpose of ~~decreasing the number of Board members to a certain number~~ limiting the voting power of a certain number of members of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language 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;