

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

Article - Health Occupations

2-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Audiologist" means an individual who practices audiology.

(c) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists.

(D) "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS ON-SITE AND PERSONAL OVERSIGHT BY AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED UNDER THIS TITLE WHO ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL'S CONDUCT WHETHER IT IS CONSISTENT OR FAILS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

[(d) "Fit hearing aids" means:

(1) Solely for the purposes of choosing, adapting, or selling hearing aids or for the use of a member of a health occupation that has a professional concern about human hearing, to measure human hearing by any means, including the preparation of an audiogram by means of an audiometer and evaluation of the audiogram;

(2) To make an impression of a human ear for the purpose of building an ear mold; or

(3) To provide advice about the choice or use of a hearing aid by a hearing impaired individual.]

(e) "Hearing aid" ~~OR "HEARING INSTRUMENT"~~ means:

~~(1) [Any ANY FDA APPROVED instrument or device that is designed for or represented as being capable of improving or correcting impaired human hearing.] AN FDA CLASSIFIED, WEARABLE, OR IMPLANTABLE INSTRUMENT OR DEVICE, THE FUNCTION, DESIGN, OR INTENT OF WHICH IS TO AID OR COMPENSATE FOR IMPAIRED HUMAN HEARING; or~~