

- (b) Each member of the Board:
- (1) Shall be a resident of this State; but
 - (2) May not be an employee of the Department.
- (c) The consumer members of the Board:
- (1) Shall be a member of the general public;
 - (2) May not be or ever have been an audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, [or] speech-language pathologist, **OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT**, or in training to become an audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, [or] speech-language pathologist, **OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT**;
 - (3) May not have a household member who is an audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, or speech-language pathologist or in training to become an audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, or speech-language pathologist;
 - (4) May not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or professional field related to audiology, [the provision of hearing aid services] **HEARING AID DISPENSING**, or speech-language pathology;
 - (5) May not have a household member who participates in a commercial or professional field related to audiology, [the provision of hearing aid services] **HEARING AID DISPENSING**, or speech-language pathology; and
 - (6) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.
- (d) While a member of the Board, a consumer member may not have a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.
- (e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the State Constitution.
- (f) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.
- (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on October 1, 1992.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.