

aid services] **HEARING AID DISPENSING**, or [practice] speech-language pathology, **OR ASSIST IN THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY** in this State.

(2) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2007, AN INDIVIDUAL HIRED BY A MARYLAND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, STATE-APPROVED NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, OR CHARTERED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE STATE TO PRACTICE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY OR ASSIST IN THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD.

(b) (1) This section does not apply:

(i) [Unless the individual chooses to apply for a license under this subtitle, to] **TO** an individual employed by any agency of the federal government **PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THAT EMPLOYMENT;**

(ii) [Unless the individual who is practicing audiology chooses to apply for a license under this subtitle, to] **TO** an individual [employed] continuously **EMPLOYED TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY** since June 30, 1988 by a county public school system, a State approved nonpublic school for handicapped children, a chartered institution of the State, or the State Department of Education while performing the duties of that employment;

(iii) [Unless the individual who is practicing speech-language pathology chooses to apply for a license under this subtitle, to] **TO** an individual employed by a [county] **MARYLAND LOCAL** public school system, State approved nonpublic school for handicapped children, or chartered educational institution of the State or the State Department of Education **TO PRACTICE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CONTINUOUSLY SINCE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**, while performing the duties of that employment;

(iv) To a student or trainee in audiology or speech-language pathology while pursuing a supervised course of study at an accredited university or college or a recognized training center **WHILE THE STUDENT IS OBTAINING CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS; OR**

(v) To a volunteer while working in free speech and hearing screening programs; or

(vi) To an individual who is fitting hearing aids under:

1. An academic curriculum of an accredited institution of higher education; or