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If the license of an audiologist, HEARING AID DEALER, OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST is suspended or revoked under § 2-314 of this subtitle, and it is not reinstated by the Board within 5 years, the Board may not reinstate it. However, the audiologist, HEARING AID DEALER, OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST then may apply for a new license under the current licensing requirements for obtaining a new license under this title.

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(a) In this section, "audiologist rehabilitation committee" means a committee that:

- (1) Is defined in subsection (b) of this section; and
- (2) Performs any of the functions listed in subsection (d) of this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, an audiologist rehabilitation committee is a committee of the Board or a committee of the Maryland [Speech] SPEECH-LANGUAGE and Hearing Association that:

- (1) Is recognized by the Board; and
- (2) Includes but is not limited to audiologists.

(c) A rehabilitation committee of the Board or recognized by the Board may function:

- (1) Solely for the Board; or
- (2) Jointly with a rehabilitation committee representing another board or boards.

(d) For purposes of this section, an audiologist rehabilitation committee evaluates and provides assistance to any audiologist, and any other individual regulated by the Board, in need of treatment and rehabilitation for alcoholism, drug abuse, chemical dependency, or other physical, emotional, or mental condition.

(e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceedings, records, and files of the audiologist rehabilitation committee are not discoverable and are not admissible in evidence in any civil action arising out of matters that are being or have been reviewed and evaluated by the audiologist rehabilitation committee.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to any record or document that is considered by the audiologist rehabilitation committee and that otherwise would be subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil action.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, civil action does not include a proceeding before the Board or judicial review of a proceeding before the Board.