

House Bill 548, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1992, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 271.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 271**

AN ACT concerning

**Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dealers, and Speech-Language Pathologists**

FOR the purpose of ~~specifying that the hearing aid dealer statute does not prohibit a licensed audiologist from fitting or selling hearing aids; repealing provisions of law relating to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathologists and the State Board of Examiners for Hearing Aid Dealers; establishing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dealers, and Speech-Language Pathologists (Board); establishing the composition and terms of the members of the Board; providing for the appointment of members to the Board; requiring at least 1 member of each profession regulated under the provisions of this Act to be present in order for the Board to have a quorum to conduct business; establishing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board concerning the licensing and regulation of audiologists, hearing aid dealers, and speech-language pathologists in the State; authorizing a licensed audiologist to fit and sell hearing aids; altering a certain definition~~ defining certain terms; requiring the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Board to impose certain disciplinary actions under certain circumstances; requiring an audiologist or hearing aid dealer to determine whether an individual has had a medical examination within a certain period of time before providing hearing aid services; requiring an audiologist or hearing aid dealer to make a written recommendation for a medical examination under certain circumstances; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer from providing selling a hearing aid services under certain circumstances; making a certain exception; requiring an audiologist or hearing aid dealer who provides sells a hearing aid to an individual to give the individual a receipt that contains certain information; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer from making certain advertisements and certain representations; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer from providing hearing aid services under a false name; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer from making certain inducements while providing or offering to provide hearing aid services; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer from making certain solicitations; prohibiting an audiologist or hearing aid dealer who provides or offers to provide hearing aid services from engaging in certain unfair or deceptive trade practices; establishing certain rehabilitation committees; prohibiting certain persons from making certain representations; making a certain exception; providing for the termination of this Act subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; providing that nothing in this Act affects the terms of