

**Article - Health Occupations**

15-202.

- (a) (1) The Committee shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Board.
- (2) Of the 7 Committee members:
- (i) 3 shall be licensed physicians;
  - (ii) 3 shall be certified physician assistants; and
  - (iii) 1 shall be a consumer.
- (3) Of the licensed physician members:
- (i) At least 1 shall specialize in general surgery or a surgical subspecialty; and
  - (ii) At least 1 shall specialize in internal medicine, family practice, or a similar primary care specialty.
- (4) The Board shall:
- (i) Appoint the physician assistant members from a list of names submitted by:
    1. The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants; and
    2. The State institutions of higher education with approved physician assistant programs[.];
  - (ii) Appoint the consumer member selected by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; AND
  - (iii) ASSIGN A PHYSICIAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO SERVE AS A ~~NONVOTING~~ VOTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
- (5) The consumer member:
- (i) Shall be a member of the general public;
  - (ii) May not be a physician, former physician, physician assistant, or a person in training to become a physician or physician assistant;
  - (iii) May not have a household member who is a physician or physician assistant, or a person in training to become a physician assistant; and
  - (iv) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a substantial financial interest in a process regulated by the Board.
- (6) Each member of the Committee shall be a resident of the State.
- (b) **[The physician and physician assistant members of the Committee shall:]**  
**OF THE THREE PHYSICIAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, TWO SHALL BE**