

(iv) For the calendar year that begins on January 1, 1998, \$6,728]

(I) \$6,728 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998; AND

(II) \$7,400 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1999 AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER.

(3) Each judge shall also receive an expense allowance, in addition, up to \$50 per month, for personal expenses incidental to the judge's duties, to be paid by the Treasurer of Howard County each month upon presentation of an itemized voucher.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Howard County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 14, 1998.

CHAPTER 44

(House Bill 114)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists - Regulatory Authority

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for an individual to qualify for a license to practice audiology; authorizing holders of certain limited licenses to practice in certain settings under the supervision of specified individuals; authorizing the issuance of certain limited licenses to an individual who has previously been issued a limited license; authorizing licensed speech-language pathologists to delegate certain duties to an assistant under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting hearing aid dispensers from violating certain consumer protection laws; and generally relating to the regulatory authority of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 2-302, 2-310, 2-310.1, 2-310.2, and 2-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 2-319