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By: ~~Senators Forehand and Montgomery~~, Montgomery, Astle, Brinkley, Feldman, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, and Pugh

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

AN ACT concerning

## **Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Name Change**

FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the Office of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind; changing the name of the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Human Services  
Section 7–128(13) and 10–302(a)(9)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2007 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 9–2401, 9–2402(a), and 9–2404(a) to be under the amended subtitle  
“Subtitle 24. Office of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Human Services**

7–128.

The Board consists of the following members:

(13) the Director of the Governor’s Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**, or the Director’s designee; and

10–302.

(a) The Interagency Committee consists of the following members:

(9) the Director of the Governor’s Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**;

**Article – State Government**

Subtitle 24. Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**.

9–2401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Council” means the Maryland Advisory Council on Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND** Individuals.

(c) (1) “Deaf and hard of hearing individuals” means those residents of Maryland who have a partial or complete loss of hearing.

(2) “Deaf and hard of hearing individuals” includes individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, and late–deafened.

(3) “Deafblind” means those residents of Maryland who have concomitant vision and hearing loss.

(d) “Director” means the Director of the Office.

(e) “Office” means the Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**.

9–2402.

(a) In the Office of the Governor, there is an Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**.

9-2404.

(a) There is a Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND DEAFBLIND**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.