

# HOUSE BILL 1476

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By: **Delegate Kerr**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers,**  
3 **Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Appointment of**  
4 **Members**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to appoint licensed audiologist members to the  
6 State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers,  
7 Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists from a list submitted by a  
8 certain professional organization rather than by the Board; and generally relating to  
9 the appointment of members to the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists,  
10 Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech–Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Health Occupations  
13 Section 2–202(a)(1) and (2)(i)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Health Occupations  
18 Section 2–202(a)(5)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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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.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Health Occupations**

3 2–202.

4 (a) (1) The Board consists of 15 members.

5 (2) Of the 15 Board members:

6 (i) 3 shall be licensed audiologists who have at least 5 years’ paid  
7 work experience in audiology and are currently practicing audiology in the State;

8 (5) (i) Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the Governor  
9 shall appoint the audiologist members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list  
10 submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the [Board] **MARYLAND ACADEMY OF**  
11 **AUDIOLOGY.**

12 (ii) The number of names on the list shall be at least 3 times the  
13 number of vacancies.

14 (iii) For each audiologist vacancy, the Board shall notify all licensed  
15 audiologists in the State of the vacancy to solicit nominations to fill the vacancy.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.