

# SENATE BILL 20

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By: **Senators Forehand and Montgomery**

Requested: October 8, 2013

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – State Government  
16 Section 9–2401, 9–2402(a), and 9–2404(a) to be under the amended subtitle  
17 “Subtitle 24. Office of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind”  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Human Services**

23 7–128.

24 The Board consists of the following members:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 10-302.

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

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

7 **Article – State Government**

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

9 9-2401.

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

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

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

15 (2) "Deaf and hard of hearing individuals" includes individuals who  
16 are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, and late-deafened.

17 (3) "Deafblind" means those residents of Maryland who have  
18 concomitant vision and hearing loss.

19 (d) "Director" means the Director of the Office.

20 (e) "Office" means the Office of the Deaf [and], Hard of Hearing, **AND**  
21 **DEAFBLIND**.

22 9-2402.

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

25 9-2404.

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

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