

## Article - Health Occupations

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- (a) (1) The Board consists of 9 members.
- (2) Of the 9 Board members:
  - (i) 2 shall be consumer members; and
  - (ii) 7 shall be licensed psychologists, of whom:
    - 1. At least 2 shall be engaged primarily in providing psychological services; and
    - 2. At least 2 shall be engaged primarily in teaching, training, or research in psychology.
- (3) The Governor shall appoint the psychologist members, with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate, from a list of names submitted to the Secretary by the Maryland Psychological Association.
- (4) For each vacancy of a psychologist member, the Maryland Psychological Association shall:
  - (i) Notify all licensed psychologists in the State of the vacancy to solicit nominations to fill the vacancy; and
  - (ii) Conduct a balloting process where every licensed psychologist is eligible to vote to select the names of the licensed psychologists that will be submitted to the Governor.
- (5) The Governor shall appoint the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary and the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) Each psychologist member of the Board shall be:

- (1) A licensed psychologist who has practiced, taught, or engaged in research in psychology for at least 5 years;
- (2) A citizen of the United States; and

- (3) A resident of this State.
- (c) Each consumer member of the Board:
  - (1) Shall be a member of the general public;
  - (2) May not be or ever have been a psychologist or psychology associate or in training to become a psychologist or psychology associate;
  - (3) May not have a household member who is a psychologist or psychology associate or in training to become a psychologist or psychology associate;
  - (4) May not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or professional field related to psychology;
  - (5) May not have a household member who participates in a commercial or professional field related to psychology; and
  - (6) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.
- (d) While a member of the Board, a consumer member may not have a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.
- (e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.
- (f) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.
  - (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on July 1, 1981.
  - (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
  - (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
  - (5) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy.
  - (6) A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

(g) (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings without adequate reason.

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