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There is a State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists in the Department.

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(a) (1) The Board consists of 13 members.

(2) Of the 13 Board members:

(i) 3 shall be licensed audiologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in audiology **AND ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICING AUDIOLOGY IN THE STATE;**

(ii) 3 shall be licensed speech-language pathologists who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in speech-language pathology **AND ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN THE STATE;**

(iii) 2 shall be physicians who shall be voting members of the Board, except on proposals that expand or restrict the practice of audiology as defined in [§ 2-101(n)] § **2-101(Q)** of this title or that expand or restrict the practice of [speech] **SPEECH-LANGUAGE** pathology as defined in [§ 2-101(o)] § **2-101(R)** of this title, and who:

1. Are licensed to practice medicine in [this] **THE State;**

[and]

2. Hold a certificate of qualification from the American Board of Otolaryngology; **AND**

3. ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICING IN THE STATE;

(iv) 2 shall be consumer members, 1 of whom shall be [hearing impaired] **A CONSUMER OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE BOARD;** and

(v) 3 shall be licensed hearing aid dispensers who have at least 5 years' paid work experience in dispensing hearing aids **AND ARE CURRENTLY PRACTICING HEARING AID DISPENSING IN THE STATE.**

(3) The Governor shall appoint the physician members, with the advice of the Secretary, from a list submitted to the Secretary and the Governor by the