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BY: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 439

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Woorman**” and substitute “**Woorman, Crutchfield, Fair, Kerr, Lehman, Ruth, Schindler, Schmidt, Terrasa, Wells, and Wu**”; in line 7, after “Hearing;” insert “altering the membership of the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing;”.

On page 2, in line 15, strike “9–2404(a)” and substitute “9–2404”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 3, insert:

“(b) (1) The Council consists of [18] members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) Of the [18] Council members, at least five of the members shall be deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

(c) Of the [18] Council members:

(1) one shall be the State Superintendent or a designee from the State Department of Education;

(2) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Maryland Department of Health;

(3) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Department of Human Services;

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(4) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Department of Transportation;

(5) one shall be from the Commission on Civil Rights;

(6) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Maryland Department of Labor;

(7) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Department of Housing and Community Development;

(8) one shall be the Superintendent or a designee from the Maryland School for the Deaf;

(9) one shall be the Secretary or a designee from the Department of Aging; [and]

(10) **ONE SHALL BE THE SECRETARY OR A DESIGNEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES; AND**

(11) nine shall be from the general public.

(d) (1) The nine members from the general public shall be chosen from different geographical areas of the State.

(2) Of the nine members from the general public:

(i) five shall be deaf and hard of hearing individuals;

(ii) one shall be a private citizen with special knowledge or expertise relating to services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals;

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(iii) one shall be a parent of a deaf or hard of hearing child;

(iv) one shall be from a private agency providing services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals; and

(v) one shall be a person with special knowledge or expertise relating to services to individuals who are deafblind.”.