

**DIVISION ON DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 72 of 1937**

**408.202 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

- (a) "Council" means the advisory council on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing established in section 5.
- (b) "Deaf person" means a person who is not able to process information aurally, with or without amplification, and whose primary means of communication is visual or by receiving spoken language through other sensory input, including, but not limited to, lipreading, sign language, finger spelling, or reading.
- (c) "Deafblind person" means a person who has a combination of hearing loss and vision loss, and that combination necessitates specialized interpretation of spoken and written information in a manner appropriate to each person's dual sensory loss.
- (d) "Department" means the department of civil rights.
- (e) "Division" means the division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing established in section 3.
- (f) "Hard of hearing person" means a person who has hearing loss that ranges from mild to profound. A hard of hearing person uses his or her residual hearing, a hearing aid, a cochlear implant, hearing assistive technology, communication access realtime translation (CART), speech reading, or other communication strategies and remains in the hearing world.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of the advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from the family independence agency to the department of labor and economic growth by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf and hard of hearing and advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from department of licensing and regulatory affairs to department of civil rights, see E.R.O. No. 2011-4, compiled at MCL 445.2030.

For renaming of division on deaf and hard of hearing to division on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, and renaming of advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing to advisory council on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, see E.R.O. No. 2014-5, compiled at MCL 445.2035.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing within department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2017-4, compiled at MCL 445.2036.