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DATA	AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION		MD. STATE P.T. SOCIETY, Inc.
	National	Md. Chapt. (APTA of Md. Inc.)	
Date organized	1921	1939	1941
Present membership	10,000 active plus inactive, associate, honorary and student	229	At the Hearing, the Society claimed about 40 members.
Requirements for active membership	Graduate of one of the 42 physical therapy programs in the U.S., approved by the A.M.A. Council of Med. Education & Hosp., one of which is at the U. of Md. Basically the same as stated in Sec. 610 b. of the Physical Therapy part of the Md. Health Act.		"Must be holders of D.Pht. degree granted by a college approved by the Md. State P.T. Society."*
Note: No A.M.A. approved school gives a Doctor's degree in P.T. or a D.Pht. degree.			
Who will be eligible for appointment to State P.T. Exam. Board according to H.B. 361		All persons are eligible who are "licensed to practice physical therapy under this subtitle and who are actively engaged in physical therapy in the State".	
		H.B. 361 permits consideration of APTA members and Society members, as well as those who are not members of either group.	The proposal by the Society would limit eligibility to APTA and Society members, depriving a large number of licensed persons from being considered for appointment.
Who supports H.B. 361	National APTA supports having physical therapists on the State Examining Boards. All the States that license physical therapists have P.T.s on the Examining Boards except Maryland.	253 of the 333 (76%) of the physical therapists, licensed by the Md. State Board of P.T. Examiners, are in favor of the bill, Legislative Committee of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of Md. The Hospital Council of Md., Inc. Md. State Dep't. of Health Dean of Medical School, U. of Md. Numerous Hospitals. Individual Endorsements.	

\* From leaflet entitled The Maryland State Physical Therapy Society and The Maryland Academy of Physical Therapy