

SENATE BILL NO. 14

BY SENATOR POPE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2441 and 2464(C), relative to the Louisiana Board for
3 Hearing Aid Dealers; to provide for registration and licensure; to provide legislative
4 intent; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:2441 and 2464(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §2441. Registration and licensing required

9 ~~In order to protect the public welfare, aid the Department of Revenue in~~
10 ~~collecting sales taxes on labor and on retail prices of hearing aids, and material used~~
11 ~~in the service and maintenance of hearing aids; to protect privately owned property~~
12 ~~and to provide an adequate supply of licensed dealers throughout the state by the~~
13 ~~establishment of the apprenticeship training program by the board; any person~~
14 ~~rendering or offering to render services for the sale, maintenance, and repair of any~~
15 ~~type of hearing aid as defined in R.S. 37:2442 shall hereafter be required to be~~
16 ~~registered and licensed as hereinafter provided, and it shall be unlawful for any~~
17 ~~person to engage in or offer to engage in the state hearing aid sales and repair service~~
18 ~~as defined in R.S. 37:2442 unless duly registered and licensed in accordance with~~
19 ~~this Chapter or as an audiologist under the provisions of Chapter 34 of Title 37 of the~~
20 ~~Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; that there is hereby created a board to be known~~
21 ~~as the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers.~~

22 **A. Any person engaging in the practice of selling and fitting of any type**
23 **of hearing aid, as defined in R.S. 37:2442, shall be registered and licensed by the**
24 **Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers.**

25 **B. The provisions of this Section are enacted to:**

1 (1) Protect the public.

2 (2) Aid the Department of Revenue in collecting sales taxes on labor, on
3 retail prices of hearing aids, and on material used in the repair, service, and
4 maintenance of hearing aids.

5 (3) Provide an adequate supply of licensed hearing aid dealers
6 throughout the state to serve as sponsors for applicants seeking temporary
7 training permits pursuant to R.S. 37:2449.

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9 §2464. Application of Chapter

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11 C. This Chapter shall not apply to a person ~~holding a certificate of clinical~~
12 ~~competence in audiology awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing~~
13 ~~Association and~~ licensed as an audiologist by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for
14 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____