
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to hearing aid dealers within this state.

Present law provides for hearing aid dealers to aid the Dept. of Revenue by collecting taxes on labor, retail prices of hearing aids, and materials used for repair, maintenance, and the service of hearing aids.

Proposed law removes the provision for hearing aid dealers aid to the Dept. of Revenue by collecting taxes.

Present law defines "hearing aid".

Proposed law adds to the definition of hearing aid by requiring the specifications set forth by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Present law provides that any person who engages in the sale of hearing aids shall deliver to each person a bill of sale or contract that includes the signature of the seller and his contact information.

Proposed law requires the seller to include an email address.

Present law provides that there is a 30-day testing period for hearing aids.

Proposed law provides that consumers may exercise the right to return their purchase or cancel their order, which is subject to a cancellation fee.

Present law provides that consumers have within three business days of the date of ordering a hearing aid to cancel the transaction without any penalties or obligations.

Proposed law requires consumers to notify the seller of the intent to cancel in person where the transaction occurred, by mail, or by electronic mail.

Present law provides that the cancellation notice shall include a signed and dated copy of the subject contract, receipt, sales form, or other document evidencing all the terms of the transaction.

Proposed law deletes that requirement.

Present law provides that new applicants for a first-time license have an education equivalent to a

four-year course in an accredited high school and two years of college or two years of accredited higher education or has continuously engaged in fitting and selling hearing aids during the two years preceding the effective date of the present law.

Proposed law removes the option of engaging in the fitting and selling of hearing aids two years preceding the effective date of the present law and changes it to "in good standing for a period of no less than two years from the date of application".

Present law provides that the scope of examination shall be determined and proctored by the La. Board for Hearing Aid Dealers.

Proposed law includes the La. Board for Hearing Aid Dealers or its assignees.

Present law provides that a person who holds a certificate of endorsement license or temporary training permit shall notify the board in writing of the address of the place or places where he engages or intends to engage in the fitting or selling of hearing aids.

Proposed law adds a person who holds a license obtained by examination.

(Amends R.S. 37:2441(B), 2442(2), 2444, 2444.1, 2444.2(A) and (B)(2), 2445(3), 2447, and 2450(A))