SLS 19RS-208 **ENGROSSED**

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 38

BY SENATOR ERDEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEARING AID DEALERS. Increases the number of hours of continuing education required for hearing aid dealers that may be taken on the internet or through correspondence courses from three continuing education units to seven units. (8/1/19)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2446.1(A), relative to hearing aid dealers; to provide for an increase in the number of required continuing education hours that may be taken online or by correspondence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2446.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2446.1. Continuing education requirement

A. Beginning December 1, 2005, the board shall require all licensees applying for reinstatement or renewal of licenses to have completed fifteen hours of continuing education per year in courses approved by the board, which may consist of a maximum of ~~three~~ **seven** hours obtained through Internet or correspondence courses, in order to renew their license on January first of the following year. Each licensee shall submit documentation from any recognized professional or educational institution to the board as proof that each licensee has been exposed to new developments in the practice which have occurred since the prior issuance or renewal of such license.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that a maximum of three continuing education hours for hearing aid dealers may be taken online or by correspondence courses.

Proposed law changes the maximum number of hours from three to seven.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 37:2446.1(A))

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