99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 50/5

from Ch. 111, par. 7405

Amends the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the requirements for a license.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act
is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 50/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 7405)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2016)

8 Sec. 5. License required. No person shall engage in the the 9 practice of testing, fitting, selecting, selling, dispensing, or servicing hearing 10 recommending, adapting, instruments or display a sign, advertise, or represent oneself 11 as a person who practices the fitting or selling of hearing 12 instruments unless such person holds a current license issued 13 14 by the Department as provided in this Act. Such person shall be known as a licensed hearing instrument dispenser. Individuals 15 licensed pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of this Act 16 17 shall be deemed qualified to provide tests of human hearing and hearing instrument evaluations for the purpose of dispensing a 18 19 hearing instrument for which any State agency may contract. The 20 license shall be conspicuously displayed in the place of 21 business. Duplicate licenses shall be issued by the Department 22 to licensees operating more than one office upon the additional payment set forth in this Act. 23

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Except for violations of the provisions of this Act, or the 1 2 rules promulgated under it, nothing in this Act shall prohibit 3 a corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other entity from engaging in the business of testing, fitting, 4 5 servicing, selecting, dispensing, selling, or offering for 6 sale hearing instruments at retail without a license, provided 7 it employs only licensed individuals in the direct testing, 8 fitting, servicing, selecting, offering for sale, or 9 dispensing of such products. Each such corporation, 10 partnership, trust, association, or other entity shall file 11 with the Department, prior to doing business in this State and 12 by July 1 of each calendar year thereafter, on forms prescribed by the Department, a list of all licensed hearing instrument 13 14 dispensers employed by it and a statement attesting that it 15 complies with this Act and the rules promulgated under it and 16 the regulations of the Federal Food and Drug Administration and 17 the Federal Trade Commission insofar as they are applicable. (Source: P.A. 89-72, eff. 12-31-95; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.) 18

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