

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 17 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 50/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 7417)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2006)

8 Sec. 17. Duties of the Board. The Board shall advise  
9 the Department in all matters relating to this Act and shall  
10 assist as requested by the Director.

11 The Board shall respond to issues and problems relating  
12 to the improvement of services to the hearing-impaired and  
13 shall make such recommendations as it considers advisable.  
14 It shall file an annual report with the Director and shall  
15 meet at least twice a year. The Board may meet at any time at  
16 the call of the chair.

17 The Board shall recommend specialized education programs  
18 for persons wishing to become licensed as hearing instrument  
19 dispensers and shall, by rule, establish minimum standards of  
20 continuing education required for license renewal. No more  
21 than 5 hours of continuing education credit per year,  
22 however, can be obtained through programs sponsored by  
23 hearing instrument manufacturers.

24 The Board shall hear charges brought against hearing  
25 instrument dispensers and shall recommend disciplinary action  
26 to the Director.

27 Members of the Board are immune from liability in any  
28 action based upon a licensing proceeding or other act  
29 performed in good faith as a member of the Board.

30 (Source: P.A. 89-72, eff. 12-31-95.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.