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HOUSE BILL 1705*
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1705-PCS80629-SH-74

Short Title: Consumer Guidelines for Hearing Aid Purchases.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 17, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS BOARD TO
3 COORDINATE A TASK FORCE THAT WILL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR
4 CONSUMERS TO USE WHEN PURCHASING A HEARING AID, AS
5 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board shall coordinate a task
8 force to develop recommended guidelines for consumers seeking information and assistance in
9 the treatment of hearing loss and the purchase of a hearing aid. The task force shall include
10 representatives of the NC Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board; the Division of Services for
11 the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Department of Health and Human Services; the Consumer
12 Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General; a practicing audiologist, as recommended
13 by the NC Board of Examiners for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists; a
14 physician who treats patients with hearing loss, as recommended by the NC Medical Board;
15 and may include other interested stakeholders.
16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board shall report the
17 findings and recommendations of the task force, along with recommendations on methods to
18 disseminate hearing aid purchasing guidelines, to the North Carolina Study Commission on
19 Aging on or before October 15, 2010.
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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