

ACT 29

H.B. NO. 819

A Bill for an Act Relating to Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 451A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§451A-2 License required. It shall be unlawful for any person not licensed under this chapter to engage in the sale or practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids or to use any sign, card, or device to indicate that the person is licensed and registered.

Any person wishing to obtain a license or a permit or certificate of endorsement shall make application to the board and shall furnish to the board:

- (1) Satisfactory proof that the person is a graduate of a high school approved and recognized by the board; and
- (2) Satisfactory proof that the person has fulfilled all of the requirements of the board.

An applicant shall be required to pass a [written and practical] licensing examination.”

SECTION 2. Section 451A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§451A-6¹ Scope of the licensing examination. The licensing examination shall [include] assess the applicant’s knowledge of:

- [(1) Written tests of knowledge in the following subjects:
 - (A) (1) Basic physics of sound;
 - [(B)] (2) Anatomy and physiology of the ear; [and
 - (C) (3) Function of hearing aids[.];
- [(2) Practical tests of proficiency in the following techniques:
 - (A) (4) Pure tone audiometry, including air and bone conduction testing;
 - [(B)] (5) Live voice or recorded voice speech audiometry, including speech reception threshold and speech discrimination testing;
 - [(C)] (6) Masking when indicated;
 - [(D)] (7) Recording and [evaluation of audiometry] analyzing test results to determine proper selection [and adaptation] of [a] hearing [aid] aids; and
 - [(E)] (8) Taking earmold impressions.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 18, 1991.)

Note

1. So in original.