

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1345
HOUSE BILL 1686

AN ACT REQUIRING APPOINTMENT OF TWO NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS SPECIALIZING IN THE FIELD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY TO THE BOARD; REQUIRING BILL OF SALE TO PURCHASER OF HEARING AID, AND REMOVING RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBER OF TIMES AN APPRENTICE MAY RENEW LICENSE AND TAKE EXAMINATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 93D-3(a) is hereby amended by rewriting the second paragraph thereof to read as follows:

"Two members shall be appointed by the Governor who shall be physicians practicing in North Carolina, preferably specializing in the field of otolaryngology. All appointments shall be for terms of four years."

Sec. 2. G.S. 93D-3(c) is hereby amended by inserting the following after (9):

- "(10) Inform the Attorney General of any information or knowledge it acquires regarding any "price-fixing" activity whatsoever in connection with the sales and service of hearing aids.
- (11) Establish and enforce regulations which will guarantee that a full refund will be made by the seller of a hearing aid to the purchaser when presented with a written medical opinion of an otolaryngologist that the purchaser's hearing cannot be improved by the use of a hearing aid."

Sec. 3. G.S. 93D-7 shall be rewritten to read as follows:

"Persons engaged in the fitting and selling of hearing aids. Every person fitting and selling a hearing aid, be it new or used, in the State of North Carolina, at the time of delivery of the hearing aid shall render to the user and/or purchaser a statement of sale to include the following:

- (a) Date of delivery
- (b) Condition of hearing aid; New, Used, Reconditioned
- (c) Hearing aid identification number
- (d) Name of manufacturer
- (e) Price of hearing aid
- (f) Charge for fitting and service
- (g) Name of dealer and/or fitter
- (h) Signature of customer"

Sec. 4. G.S. 93D-9(e) is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence thereof from lines 5 and 6, which reads, "In no event shall more than one renewal of apprenticeship license or two examinations for license be permitted."

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of April, 1974.