

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY,
3 AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID DISPENSING PRACTICES BOARD TO ISSUE
4 ETHICS RULES REQUIRING AUDIOLOGISTS AND HEARING AID
5 DISPENSERS TO EDUCATE PURCHASERS ABOUT ASSISTIVE LISTENING
6 TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN OPTIONS THAT ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 LATEST STANDARDS.

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

10 SECTION 1. Section 61-14B-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
11 1996, Chapter 57, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "61-14B-11. BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES.--The board shall:

13 A. adopt rules and regulations and establish
14 policy necessary to carry out the provisions of the Speech-
15 Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing
16 Practices Act in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act;

17 B. adopt rules implementing continuing education
18 requirements;

19 C. adopt a code of ethics that includes rules
20 requiring audiologists and hearing aid dispensers, at the
21 time of the initial examination for possible sale and fitting
22 of a hearing aid if a hearing loss is determined, to inform
23 each prospective purchaser about hearing aid options that can
24 provide a direct connection between the hearing aid and
25 assistive listening systems. These rules shall be in

1 accordance with the latest standards for accessible design
2 adopted by the United States department of justice in
3 accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
4 of 1990, as amended;

5 D. conduct hearings upon charges relating to the
6 discipline of licensees, including the denial, suspension or
7 revocation of a license in accordance with the Uniform
8 Licensing Act;

9 E. investigate complaints against licensees by
10 issuing investigative subpoenas prior to the issuance of a
11 notice of contemplated action;

12 F. establish fees for licensure;

13 G. provide for the licensing and renewal of
14 licenses of applicants; and

15 H. adopt rules that provide for licensure by
16 reciprocity, including temporary permits for speech-language
17 pathologists, audiologists or hearing aid dispensers."=====