HOUSE BILL NO. 337

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-14-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT LICENSED AUDIOLOGISTS FROM THE HEARING AID SPECIALISTS LICENSURE LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 73-14-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-14-5. (1) This chapter is not intended to prevent any person from engaging in the practice of measuring human hearing for the purpose of selection of hearing aids, provided such person or organization employing such person does not sell hearing aids or accessories thereto, except in the case of ear molds to be used only for the purpose of audiologic evaluation.

(2) This chapter shall not apply to any physician or surgeon licensed by the State of Mississippi or to any audiologist licensed under Section 73-38-1 et seq.

(3) This chapter does not apply to a person while he is engaged in the fitting of hearing aids, provided it is part of the academic curriculum of an accredited institution of higher education or part of a program conducted by a public tax-supported institution or agency or nonprofit organization, unless such person or institution or agency sells hearing aids, and/or accessories, except ear molds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.