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To: Public Health and  
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 943

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 73-14-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:[RF1]

7 73-14-5. (1) This chapter is not intended to prevent any  
8 person from engaging in the practice of measuring human hearing  
9 for the purpose of selection of hearing aids, provided such person  
10 or organization employing such person does not sell hearing aids  
11 or accessories thereto, except in the case of ear molds to be used  
12 only for the purpose of audiologic evaluation.

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 2000.