

State of Wisconsin



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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 170

AN ACT to amend 459.01 (4), 459.07 (2), 459.07 (4), 459.085 and 459.12 (2) of the statutes; relating to: the calibration of audiometric equipment, statutory references to hearing aid dealers and fitters and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 459.01 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

459.01 (4) "License" means a license issued by the department under s. 459.05, to hearing aid dealers or fitters instrument specialists.

SECTION 2. 459.07 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

459.07 (2) Upon receiving an application under this section, accompanied by the fee under s. 440.05 (6), the examining board may grant a trainee permit which may entitle the applicant to practice fitting of hearing aids for a period of one year. A person holding a valid hearing aid dealers or fitters instrument specialist license shall be responsible for the direct supervision and training of the applicant and shall be liable for all negligent acts and omissions of the trainee in the fitting of hearing aids.

SECTION 3. 459.07 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

459.07 (4) The examining board shall encourage the establishment of educational courses for the training of all persons wishing to become licensed hearing aid dealers and fitters instrument specialists.

SECTION 4. 459.085 of the statutes is amended to read:

459.085 Calibration of audiometric equipment. Audiometric equipment used in the evaluation of hearing sensitivity for the fitting and sale of hearing aids shall be calibrated not less than once every 6 months periodically, as specified by rule by the examining board. Certification of these calibrations shall be sent to the examining board with the renewal fee required in s. 459.09.

SECTION 5. 459.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

459.12 (2) The examining board shall by rules establish promulgate rules establishing the frequency of the calibrations, the standards for the calibrations and the standards for the certifications required by s. 459.085.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].