

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
HEARING AND SPEECH : CR 15-097
EXAMINING BOARD :**

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

The purpose of the rule is to designate the International Licensing Examination as the written test of knowledge in the following areas as they pertain to the fitting of hearing aids: basic physics of sound; anatomy and physiology of the ear; and the function of hearing aids. The International Licensing Examination is used by 38 states for licensing of hearing instrument specialists.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board held a public hearing on January 11, 2016. The following people either testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments:

Todd Beyr, Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals and International hearing Society

Doug Johnson, Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals

The Board summarizes the comments received either by hearing testimony or by written submission as follows:

Comments received were in support of the proposed rule.

There are no modifications to the rule-making proposal prompted by public comments.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

This rule will not affect small businesses.