

HB 1545 -- Audiology

Sponsor: Dixon

This bill changes the laws regarding the practice of audiology and the duties of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts. The bill:

- (1) Requires audiologists to follow the same purchase agreements as hearing aid fitters and dealers when fitting, programming, and dispensing hearing instruments, assistive listening devices, or amplification systems;
- (2) Requires the board to adopt standards relating to hearing aid dispensing to ensure consumer protection equal to that provided by hearing aid fitters and dealers; and
- (3) Allows the board to charge audiology fees needed to supplement revenue fees available to support the administration of the Board of Examiners of Hearing Instrument Specialists.