



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 718

SENATE BILL NO. 2310

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2524

By Cobb, Shipley, Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 17, Part 2, relative to the council for hearing instrument specialists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-232(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (66) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Council for hearing instrument specialists, created by § 63-17-202;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-202, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)(1) The council shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the governor. Such members shall possess the following qualifications:

(A) Three (3) members shall be qualified hearing instrument specialists and fitters of hearing instruments who have been duly licensed as such in Tennessee, and who are certified by the National Board for Certification – Hearing Instrument Sciences. Such members may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted to the governor by interested audiology groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Hearing Aid Society. The governor shall consult with such interested groups to determine qualified persons to fill the positions;

(B) One (1) member shall be a physician who has been duly licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee, and who has received certification from the American Council of Otolaryngology. The member may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted to the governor by interested medical groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Medical Association. The governor shall consult with such interested groups to determine a qualified person to fill the position; and

(C) One (1) member shall be a person who has been a user of hearing instruments for a period of at least five (5) years preceding that person's appointment to the council and who shall never have been engaged in the practice of hearing instrument dispensing and fitting, audiology or medicine.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 26, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR