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A Bill

SENATE BILL 88

5 By: Senator Hester
6 By: Representative Ladyman
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD
10 OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARKANSAS
16 BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-84-201(b), concerning the creation and
22 composition of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 *The board shall be composed of seven (7) voting members appointed by*
25 *the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for terms of three (3)*
26 *years, and one (1) nonvoting advisory member appointed by the Governor for a*
27 *term of three (3) years as follows:*

28 (1)(A) At least four (4) of the members shall be hearing
29 instrument dispensers licensed under this chapter who have held a valid
30 license for at least three (3) years.

31 (B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas Hearing
32 Society, Inc., before making an appointment under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of
33 this section;

34 ~~(2) At least one (1) member shall be a physician licensed to~~
35 ~~practice medicine in Arkansas and specializing in otology or otolaryngology;~~

36 ~~(3)~~(2) At least one (1) member shall be an audiologist holding a



1 master's degree or doctoral degree in audiology from a recognized college or
2 ~~university, and~~

3 ~~(4)(A)(3)(A) One (1) member~~ Two (2) members shall be appointed
4 from the state at large to represent consumers.

5 (B) The consumer ~~representative~~ representatives under
6 subdivision ~~(b)(4)(A)~~ (b)(3)(A) of this section shall not be actively engaged
7 in or retired from the practice of dispensing hearing instruments.

8 (C) The consumer ~~representative~~ representatives under
9 subdivision ~~(b)(4)(A)~~ (b)(3)(A) of this section shall be a full voting member
10 ~~but shall not participate in the grading of examinations;~~ and

11 (4)(A) The advisory member shall be a physician licensed to
12 practice medicine in Arkansas and specializing in otology or otolaryngology.

13 (B) The advisory member shall not count for or against the
14 board's quorum requirement to conduct business.

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16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-84-202(b), concerning the organization
17 and proceedings of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b)~~(1) Any five (5) of the eight (8)~~ A majority of the members of the
20 board, when properly convened, may conduct business of the board.

21 (2) The board may appoint one (1) or more of its members or any
22 other person it deems appropriate as examiners for the purpose of hearing
23 evidence, reporting findings thereon, and making recommendations to the
24 entire board for a decision on any matter over which the board has authority.

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26 /s/Hester

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