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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1343

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE LAW REGARDING  
9 HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE LAW  
14 REGARDING HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(3), concerning the powers and  
21 duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (3) To ~~prepare, supervise, and administer~~ ensure that at least  
24 one (1) time each year a qualifying examination based on nationally accepted  
25 norms to test the knowledge and proficiency of applicants is administered;  
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(9)(B), concerning the powers and  
28 duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 (B) An examination fee not to exceed:

31 (i) ~~One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~ Three hundred  
32 dollars (\$300) for the written examination; and

33 (ii) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) each for the earmold  
34 practicum, the audiometric practicum, and the law and rules practicum;  
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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-84-304(d)(1), concerning qualifications



1 for licensure and internships by the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument  
2 Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

3 (d)(1) A person participating in a valid internship program may take  
4 the licensing examination, written or practicum or both, ~~administered by the~~  
5 ~~board~~ upon written recommendation of his or her sponsor after successfully  
6 completing six (6) months in the internship program.

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8 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-84-305(a), concerning examinations by  
9 the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 (a) The examination provided for in § 17-84-304 shall be given ~~by the~~  
12 ~~Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers~~ at least one (1) time each  
13 year.