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## DIGEST

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HB No. 257

**Abstract:** Requires that any person who owns or operates a business of selling and fitting hearing aids is considered to be practicing the selling and fitting of hearing aids and shall be licensed.

Present law provides that a corporation or like organization may sell and fit hearing aids as long as the corporation or like organization employs or contracts with natural persons licensed in the practice of selling and fitting hearing aids.

Proposed law provides that any person who owns or maintains a business engaged in the practice of selling and fitting hearing aids shall also be licensed to sell and fit hearing aids. Provides which individuals within an organization shall hold a license.

Present law provides that corporations and other like organizations engaged in the practice of selling and fitting hearing aids shall file with the board a list of all employees who are licensed hearing aid dealers and provides for other requirements.

Proposed law changes present law by requiring that all persons who are licensed hearing aid dealers under present law shall file a list of the hearing aid dealers employed under each person and provides for other requirements.

Proposed law provides that present law shall not apply to physicians licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and audiologists licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

(Amends R.S. 37:2465)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Provides that present law governing the practice of selling and fitting hearing aids shall not apply to physicians licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and audiologists licensed by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.