

Prior law provided 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.

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

Existing 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.

New law retains existing law but specifies that all persons who are licensed hearing aid dealers shall file a list of the hearing aid dealers employed under each person and provides for other requirements.

New law provides that this Chapter shall not apply to physicians licensed by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners and audiologists licensed by the La. Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

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