

SENATE BILL No. 199

AN ACT concerning the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids; amending K.S.A. 74-5810 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-5810 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5810. (a) This act shall not apply to:

(1) A person while ~~he~~ *such person* is engaged in the practice of fitting hearing aids if ~~his~~ *such person's* practice is part of the academic curriculum of an accredited institution of higher education or part of a program conducted by a public, charitable institution or nonprofit organization, which is primarily supported by voluntary contributions: ~~Provided, This so long as such organization does not sell hearing aids or accessories thereto; or~~

(2) *a licensed audiologist employed by a publicly funded school district, a special education cooperative or an education service center while serving preschool through high school age students so long as such organization does not sell hearing aids or accessories thereto and such person performing the fitting in this section does not specifically charge the person fitted a fee for such services.*

(b) *If a person exempt from this act pursuant to subsection (a) is a licensee of another state agency and a complaint is filed against such person with such agency regarding conduct covered by this act, such agency shall consult with the Kansas board of examiners in fitting and dispensing of hearing aids regarding such complaint.*

(c) This act shall not be construed to prevent or limit any person who is a practitioner of the healing arts licensed by the state board of healing arts in treatment of any kind or in fitting hearing aids to the human ear.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-5810 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.