

HB 1078 - DIGEST

Requires a person who engages in fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments to: (1) Before initial fitting and purchase, notify a person seeking to purchase a hearing instrument, about the uses, benefits, and limitations of hearing instruments that are telecoil-enabled and compatible with assistive listening systems and that use bluetooth technology or other short range one-to-one technology similar to bluetooth; and

(2) Provide a receipt to each person who enters into an agreement to purchase a hearing instrument, containing language that verifies that before initial fitting and purchase the consumer was informed about the uses, benefits, and limitations of telecoil-enabled and bluetooth-enabled hearing instruments.

Requires the office of deaf and hard of hearing to develop educational materials to be distributed by hearing aid dispensers to persons with hearing loss that explain: (1) The uses, benefits, and limitations of current hearing assistive technology, including telecoil and bluetooth; and

(2) How a person can access assistive listening systems using telecoil-enabled hearing instruments.