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**SENATE BILL 670**

Short Title:   Revise Membership/Hearing Aid Fitters Board. (Public)

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Sponsors:     Senator Hartsell.

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Referred to:   Health Care.

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April 20, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 93D-3(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) There is hereby created a board whose duty it shall be to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this Chapter, and which shall be known as the "North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board." The Board shall be composed of seven members. ~~Four~~ Five members who have been actively engaged in the fitting and selling of hearing aids for three years pursuant to licensure under this Chapter shall be appointed by the Governor. These initial appointments are for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years and one for four years. All appointments made on or after July 1, 1981, shall be for terms of three years.

One member shall be appointed by the Governor who shall be a physician practicing in North Carolina, preferably specializing in the field of otolaryngology. All appointments shall be for terms of three years.

~~One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of two audiologists residing in North Carolina, which list shall be compiled by the North Carolina Speech and Hearing Association. This initial appointment shall be for a term of three years. All appointments made on or after July 1, 1981, shall be for a term of three years.~~

One member shall be appointed by the Governor to represent the interest of the public at large. This member shall have no ties to the hearing aid business nor shall he be an audiologist. The Governor shall appoint the public member not later than July 1, 1981, to serve a term of three years.

All Board members serving on June 30, 1981, shall be eligible to complete their respective terms. No member appointed to a term on or after July 1, 1981, shall serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment of the Governor. Appointees shall serve the unexpired term of their predecessor in office and must be appointed from the same category as their predecessor in office. The members of the Board, before entering their duties, shall respectively take all oaths taken and prescribed for other State officers, in the manner provided by law, which oaths shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and the Board shall have a common seal."

**SECTION 2.** The terms of the two audiologist members currently serving on the North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board (Board) shall expire on the effective date of this act. Vacancies on the Board pursuant to this section shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 93D-5.



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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.