

Legislative Analysis



CONTINUING COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED HEARING AID DEALERS & SALESPERSONS

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House Bill 4129

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Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4129 AS INTRODUCED 2-4-09

The bill would require hearing aid dealers, hearing aid salespersons, and trainees to demonstrate continuing professional competency as a condition for license renewal.

House Bill 4129 would amend the Occupational Code (MCL 339.1305, 339.1307, and 339.1308) to require, as a condition for the renewal of licensure as a hearing aid dealer, hearing aid salesperson, or trainee, a demonstration of continuing professional competency.

Further, the act currently requires an applicant for a license as a hearing aid dealer to have served as a licensed hearing aid salesperson for a period of two years under the direction and supervision of a licensed hearing aid dealer. The bill would specify that the applicant must present evidence acceptable to the department that the requirement has been fulfilled. Lastly, the bill would make numerous revisions of an editorial nature to update and clarify provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, or on local units of government.

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