

1 Senate BILL NO. 308  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Stuy

3 BY REQUEST OF  
 4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

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 6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION  
 7 82A-1602.12, R.C.M. 1947; PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCTION OF  
 8 MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS; PROVIDING  
 9 QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Section 82A-1602.12, R.C.M. 1947, is  
 13 amended to read as follows:

14 "82A-1602.12. Board of hearing aid dispensers --  
 15 appointment -- qualifications -- term. (1) There is a board  
 16 of hearing aid dispensers.

17 (2) The board consists of ~~five~~ three members  
 18 appointed by the governor. The members are:

19 (a) One ~~member appointed from a list submitted by~~  
 20 ~~the Montana academy of oto-ophthoimology. This member shall~~  
 21 ~~hold or be eligible for a certificate of qualification from~~  
 22 ~~the American board of otolaryngology, who is either licensed~~  
 23 in the field of medicine and surgery or

24 ~~(b) One member appointed~~ selected from a list  
 25 submitted by the Montana speech and hearing association"

1 ~~This member shall hold~~ and holds or be is eligible for a  
 2 certificate of clinical competence in audiology from the  
 3 American speech and hearing association.

4 ~~(c)(b) Three members appointed~~ One member selected  
 5 from a list submitted by the Montana hearing aid dealers'  
 6 society. ~~These members~~ This member shall have been a  
 7 qualified ~~dispensers dispenser~~ and ~~fitters fitter~~ of hearing  
 8 aids for at least ~~five~~ 3 years before ~~their~~  
 9 ~~to the board.~~

10 ~~(d)(c) One alternate member shall be appointed~~  
 11 ~~selected from each of the three lists to serve when a~~  
 12 ~~regular member cannot attend a scheduled meeting~~ the public  
 13 and shall represent the public and consumer interest.

14 (3) Each member shall serve for a term of ~~three~~  
 15 years. A member may not be reappointed within ~~one~~ one year  
 16 after the expiration of his second consecutive full term. If  
 17 a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint a  
 18 person from the same list, if applicable, as the member  
 19 whose term was not completed."

20 Section 2. Implementation. All present terms on the  
 21 board of hearing aid dispensers shall expire on July 1,  
 22 1977. New appointments will be for 1, 2, and 3 years, with  
 23 the length of each member's term decided by lot, and  
 24 thereafter for 3 years.

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INTRODUCED BILL

SB308

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 478-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 14, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 308 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing for the reduction of members on the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers; providing qualifications.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Board will hold four (4) meetings per year.
2. The three (3) members will be located in Great Falls, Billings and Missoula.
3. Per diem allowance will remain the same.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
Cost of Board under current law	\$1,782	\$1,782
Cost of Board under proposed law	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,028</u>
Reduction in cost due to proposed legislation	<u>\$ 754</u>	<u>\$ 754</u>

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