

HOUSE BILL 310

IN THE HOUSE

January 22, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
February 5, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
February 6, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 7, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 8, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 9, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
March 5, 1979	Committee recommend bill, not concurred.

IN THE HOUSE

March 6, 1979	Returned from Senate, not concurred.
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6 PUBLIC MEMBER WHO IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AMENDING
7 SECTION 2-15-1616, MCA."

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

10 Section 1. Section 2-15-1616, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "2-15-1616. Board of hearing aid dispensers. (1) There
12 is a board of hearing aid dispensers.

13 (2) The board consists of five members appointed by
14 the governor. The members are:

15 (a) one member appointed from a list submitted by the
16 Montana academy of oto-ophthalmology. This member shall hold
17 or be eligible for a certificate of qualification from the
18 American board of otolaryngology.

19 (b) one member appointed from a list submitted by the
20 Montana speech and hearing association. This member shall
21 hold or be eligible for a certificate of clinical competence
22 in audiology from the American speech and hearing
23 association.

24 (c) three ~~two~~ members appointed from a list submitted
25 by the Montana hearing aid dealers' society. These members

1 shall have been qualified dispensers and fitters of hearing
2 aids for at least 5 years before their appointment to the
3 board.

4 ~~(d) one member to represent the public who is 60 years~~
5 ~~of age or older and who is not engaged in the practice of~~
6 ~~dispensing or fitting hearing aids.~~

7 ~~(4)(3) one~~ ~~one~~ alternate member shall be appointed
8 ~~from for each of the three lists to regular member. Each~~
9 ~~alternate member must be appointed in the same manner and~~
10 ~~must possess the same minimum qualifications as the~~
11 ~~corresponding regular member and shall serve when the~~
12 ~~regular member cannot attend a scheduled meeting.~~

13 ~~(3)(4) Each member shall serve for a term of 3 years.~~
14 A member may not be reappointed within 1 year after the
15 expiration of his second consecutive full term. If a vacancy
16 occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint a person
17 ~~from the same list in the same manner and with the same~~
18 ~~minimum qualifications~~ as the member whose term was not
19 completed.

20 ~~(4)(5) The board is allocated to the department for~~
21 ~~administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."~~

22 Section 2. Transition. This act does not affect the
23 term of office of any person who is a board member on July
24 1, 1979, and any such person may serve out the remainder of
25 his unexpired term. All vacancies filled and appointments

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Approved by Comm.
On Human Services

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Section 1. Section 2-15-1616, MCA, is amended to read:

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(2) The board consists of ~~five~~ SIX members appointed by the governor. ~~THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS FROM THE SAME CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.~~ The members are:

(a) one member appointed from a list submitted by the Montana academy of oto-ophthalmology. This member shall hold or be eligible for a certificate of qualification from the American board of otolaryngology.

(b) one member appointed from a list submitted by the Montana speech and hearing association. This member shall hold or be eligible for a certificate of clinical competence in audiology from the American speech and hearing

association.

(c) ~~three~~ two ~~THREE~~ members appointed from a list submitted by the Montana hearing aid dealers' society. These members shall have been qualified dispensers and fitters of hearing aids for at least 5 years before their appointment to the board.

~~(d) one member to represent the public who is 60 years of age or older and who is not engaged in the practice of dispensing or fitting hearing aids.~~

~~(d)(3) one alternate member shall be appointed from for each of the three lists to regular members each alternate member must be appointed in the same manner and must possess the same minimum qualifications as the corresponding regular member and shall serve when the regular member cannot attend a scheduled meeting.~~

~~(3)(4)(3)~~ Each member shall serve for a term of 3 years. A member may not be reappointed within 1 year after the expiration of his second consecutive full term. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the governor shall appoint a person ~~from the same list in the same manner and with the same minimum qualifications~~ as the member whose term was not completed.

~~(4)(5)(4)~~ The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121."

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