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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1343

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE LAW REGARDING  
HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE LAW  
REGARDING HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(3), concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

(3) To ~~prepare, supervise, and administer~~ ensure that at least one (1) time each year a qualifying examination based on nationally accepted norms to test the knowledge and proficiency of applicants is administered;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(9)(B), concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

(B) An examination fee not to exceed:

(i) ~~One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~ Three hundred dollars (\$300) for the written examination; and

(ii) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) each for the earmold practicum, the audiometric practicum, and the law and rules practicum;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-84-304(d)(1), concerning qualifications



for licensure and internships by the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) A person participating in a valid internship program may take the licensing examination, written or practicum or both, ~~administered by the board~~ upon written recommendation of his or her sponsor after successfully completing six (6) months in the internship program.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-84-305(a), concerning examinations by the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The examination provided for in § 17-84-304 shall be given ~~by the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers~~ at least one (1) time each year.

**APPROVED: 04/04/2015**