

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY &
HEARING AID DISPENSERS BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: No public hearing has been scheduled

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations:

Section(s) Affected: 1399.129

Specific Purpose of each Adoption and Amendment:

1. Amend Section 1399.129.:

Amend the section to consolidate and make specific the fees collected from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees.

Problem being addressed:

The section of the regulation that spelled out the application and certificate fees the Board collected from hearing aid dispenser applicants and licensees was repealed in April 1996. Although the fees are set forth in statute they are located throughout many sections which makes it time intensive to look up.

Anticipated benefits from this regulatory action:

The benefit of re-establishing this section of regulation is to consolidate the fees being collected by the Board from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees into one location.

Factual Basis/Rationale:

Re-establishing this section of law locates the hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees fees in one location. In addition, The Board anticipates requesting the Legislature raise the fee ceiling within the next few years which would necessitate the fees being incorporated into the regulations at that time.

Underlying Data:

- June 19, 2015, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board meeting minutes

Business Impact

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This initial determination is based on the following facts or evidence/documents/testimony.

- Under current laws and regulations, the Board collects fees from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees.
- The fees listed in the regulatory proposal are set by statute and are not being changed.

Economic Impact Assessment

This regulatory proposal will have the following effects:

- It will not create or eliminate jobs within the State of California because the fees are currently being collected by the Board from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees.
- It will not create new business or eliminate existing businesses within the State of California because the fees are currently being collected by the Board from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees.
- It will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California because the fees are currently being collected by the Board from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees.
- This regulatory proposal does not affect the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety or the state's environment because the proposed regulation does not increase the fees currently set forth in statute.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulatory proposal would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective or less burdensome to affected private persons and equally effective in achieving the purposes of the regulation in a manner that ensures full compliance with the law being implemented or made specific.

Set forth below are the alternatives which were considered and the reasons each alternative was rejected:

- Not adopt the regulations. This alternative was rejected because the Board has determined that it will be a benefit to re-establish the regulation and consolidate the fees being collected by the Board from hearing aid dispenser and dispensing audiology applicants and licensees into one location.