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H. P. 1179

House of Representatives, March 19, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Soulas of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Protection of Consumers in the Purchase of Hearing Aids.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 32, §§ 1658-M and 1658-N, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, 1658-M and 1658-N, to read as follows:

§ 1658-M. Calibration of audiometric equipment

Audiometric equipment used in the evaluation of hearing sensitivity for the fitting and sale of hearing aids shall be calibrated not less than once every 6 months. Calibration of the audiometers shall be made in compliance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) S3, 6-1969 standard for calibration of audiometers, or such revised standards as may be published by ANSI. Certification of these calibrations shall be sent to the board on or by the first day of February of each year.

§ 1658-N. Consumer's copy of audiogram

In every case where a person licensed under this chapter shall test human hearing for the fitting and sale of a hearing aid, while utilizing an audiometric device, that person shall give to the person whose hearing has been tested a copy of the audiogram showing the results of the testing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

These amendments will aid in the protection of Maine consumers who purchase hearing aids.