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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

Chairman Phil Mendelson

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Hearing Aid Dealers and Consumer Act of 1977 to require a minor to receive medical clearance from an otolaryngologist and a hearing test evaluation before a registrant can fit, offer for sale, or sell a hearing aid to the minor, and to require an adult to receive medical clearance from an otolaryngologist or a licensed physician and a hearing test evaluation before a registrant can fit, offer for sale, or sell a hearing aid to the adult.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Hearing Aid Sales Amendment Act of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Hearing Aid Dealers and Consumer Act of 1977, effective October 26, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-33; D.C. Official Code § 28-4001 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2(5) (D.C. Official Code § 28-4001(5)) is amended by striking the phrase "an otolaryngologist," and inserting the phrase "an otolaryngologist or licensed physician," in its place.

(b) Section 5(a) (D.C. Official Code § 28-4004(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) No registrant shall fit, offer for sale, or sell a hearing aid to:

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1 “(1) A minor under 18 years of age unless, within the preceding 6 months,
2 the minor has received medical clearance from an otolaryngologist and a hearing test evaluation;
3 or

4 “(2) An individual 18 years or older unless, within the preceding 6
5 months, the individual has received medical clearance and a hearing test evaluation.”.

6 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

7 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
8 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
9 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

10 Sec. 4. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor or in the event of veto by the
12 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto, a 30-day period of congressional review as
13 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
14 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1), and publication in the District of
15 Columbia Register.