CHAPTER 153A

HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSING

153A.13 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 4. **Hearing instrument selling.** "Hearing instrument selling" means fitting and selling hearing instruments, assisting the consumer in instrument selection, selling hearing instruments at retail, or testing human hearing in connection with these activities.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1988]

History: *1989 c 282 art 2 s 46*

153A.15 PROHIBITED ACTS; ENFORCEMENT; AND PENALTY.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1988]

Subd. 3. **Procedures.** The commissioner shall establish, in writing, internal operating procedures for receiving and investigating complaints and imposing enforcement actions. The written internal operating procedures may include procedures for sharing complaint information with government agencies in this and other states. Establishment of the operating procedures are not subject to rulemaking procedures under chapter 14. Procedures for sharing complaint information shall be consistent with the requirements for handling government data under chapter 13.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1988]

History: *1989 c 282 art 2 s 47*

153A.16 BOND REQUIRED.

A sole proprietor, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in hearing instrument sales shall provide a surety bond in favor of the state of Minnesota in the amount of $5,000 for every individual engaged in the practice of selling hearing instruments, up to a maximum of $25,000. The bond required by this section must be in favor of the state for the benefit of any person who suffers loss of payments for the purchase or repair of a hearing instrument after July 1, 1988, due to insolvency or cessation of the business of the sole proprietor, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in hearing instrument sales. A copy of the bond must be filed with the commissioner of health. A person claiming against the bond may maintain an action at law against the surety and the sole proprietor, partnership, association, or corporation. The aggregate liability of the surety to all persons for all breaches of the conditions of the bonds provided herein must not exceed the amount of the bond.

History: *1989 c 282 art 2 s 48*