

CHAPTER 153A

HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSING

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

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1996]

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. Procedures for sharing complaint information must be consistent with the requirements for handling government data under chapter 13.

[For text of subds 3a and 4, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 187 art 2 s 7

153A.17 EXPENSES; FEES.

The expenses for administering the certification requirements including the complaint handling system for hearing aid dispensers in sections 153A.14 and 153A.15 and the consumer information center under section 153A.18 must be paid from initial application and examination fees, renewal fees, penalties, and fines. All fees are nonrefundable. The certificate application fee is \$165 for audiologists registered under section 148.511 and \$490 for all others, the examination fee is \$200 for the written portion and \$200 for the practical portion each time one or the other is taken, and the trainee application fee is \$100. Notwithstanding the policy set forth in section 16A.1285, subdivision 2, a surcharge of \$165 for audiologists registered under section 148.511 and \$330 for all others shall be paid at the time of application or renewal until June 30, 2003, to recover the commissioner's accumulated direct expenditures for administering the requirements of this chapter. The penalty fee for late submission of a renewal application is \$200. All fees, penalties, and fines received must be deposited in the state government special revenue fund. The commissioner may prorate the certification fee for new applicants based on the number of quarters remaining in the annual certification period.

History: 1997 c 203 art 2 s 18