

## CHAPTER 153A

## HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSING

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Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint nine persons to a hearing instrument dispenser advisory council.

(a) The nine persons must include:

(1) three public members, as defined in section 214.02. At least one of the public members shall be a hearing instrument user and one of the public members shall be either a hearing instrument user or an advocate of one; and

(2) three hearing instrument dispensers certified under sections 153A.14 to 153A.20, each of whom is currently, and has been for the five years immediately preceding their appointment, engaged in hearing instrument dispensing in Minnesota and who represent the occupation of hearing instrument dispensing and who are not audiologists; and

(3) three audiologists who are certified hearing instrument dispensers or are registered as audiologists under chapter 148.

(b) The factors the commissioner may consider when appointing advisory council members include, but are not limited to, professional affiliation, geographical location, and type of practice.

(c) No two members of the advisory council shall be employees of, or have binding contracts requiring sales exclusively for, the same hearing instrument manufacturer or the same employer.

*[For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.S.2000]*

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