

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4747-1-11

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Renewal procedures.

Agency Name: Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 3/15/2022
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** Yes
 - A. **If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor?** HB 420 - 132
- Reps. Sykes and Boyd
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4744.28, 4747.04
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4747.06
6. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being proposed as a result of the board consolidation which created the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board on January 21, 2018 and a clean-up statute under HB 420 which streamlined licensure renewal and continuing education requirements.

7. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule specifies the licensure renewal and continuing education requirements for hearing aid dealers and fitters. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure licensees renew their license in a timely manner and maintain and develop their competency by completing continuing education for consumer protection. The rule is being amended due to the board

consolidation pursuant to Am. Sub. H.B. 49 (132nd G.A.). Specifically, the continuing education requirements for hearing aid fitters are being aligned to their two year license renewal period, pursuant to Sub. H.B. 420 (132nd G.A.).

8. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
9. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.71 to 121.76, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

10. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

The RSFA #16 was updated to reflect "yes" since there is a reporting requirement.

II. Fiscal Analysis

11. **As a result of this proposed rule, please estimate the increase / decrease in revenues or expenditures affecting this agency, or the state generally, in the current biennium or future years. If the proposed rule is likely to have a different fiscal effect in future years, please describe the expected difference and operation.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not Applicable

12. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The nature of the adverse impact from this rule will be the cost to licensees who renew their license and complete the continuing education hours necessary to renew their license. Employers will also be adversely impacted who cover the costs for the licensee's professional development.

13. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
14. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

15. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
16. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**

- A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

Licensed hearing aid dealers and fitters must renew their license every two years to practice. In addition, hearing aid fitters must complete 20 hours of continuing education in order to renew their license.

- B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Individuals or entities who do not renew their license on time and continue to practice under an expired license are subject to disciplinary action by the Board for unlicensed practice.

- C. **Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

This rule requires individuals to submit an application and pay a fee if they intend to renew their license. This rule also requires licensed hearing aid fitters to complete continuing education in order to renew their license.