

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: MARCH 19, 2008

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

246 N. HIGH STREET

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

Under the authority of Section 4747.04 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board proposes to amend sections 4747-1-01, 4747-1-02, 4747-1-04, 4747-1-05, 4747-1-06, 4747-1-07, 4747-1-08, 4747-1-09, 4747-1-10, 4747-1-11, 4747-1-12, 4747-1-13, 4747-1-14, 4747-1-15, 4747-1-18, 4747-1-19, 4747-1-20 and 4747-1-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and to rescind current rules and propose new rules 4747-1-16 and 4747-1-17.

The revisions to Sections 4747-1-01, 4747-1-02, 4747-1-04-through 4747-1-10, 4747-1-12, 4747-1-13, 4747-1-15, 4747-1-20 and 4747-1-21 are primarily administrative and procedural changes. The revision to 4747-1-11 will require one continuing education hour to be completed in ethics training or Ohio law, and allow the Board to impose a penalty requiring additional continuing education hours for failure to comply with the continuing education audit. Changes to 4747-1-14 include additional requirements for the supervision of trainees. The Board proposes to rescind current rules 4747-1-16 and 4747-1-17, and propose new rules in their place due to extensive text changes. Proposed changes to rule 4747-1-18 will require hearings to be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, and will eliminate the provisions to take depositions. The proposed changes to 4747-1-19 will expand puretone air threshold tests, update the ANSI standard for test environment, and require documentation of medical referral.

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code the Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed action at 11:00 am on March 19, 2008. The hearing will be held in the third floor conference room of the Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

At the hearing persons affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, or may present their position, arguments, contentions in writing. Persons intending to testify are encouraged to preregister by writing to A. Blake Chadwell, Hearing aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by emailing

Hearing@odh.ohio.gov. Persons who preregister will be permitted to testify before other witnesses who have not preregistered.

Copies of the proposed amended rules are available from Mr. Chadwell, or are available online at "Register of Ohio". Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Chadwell at the address listed above on or before March 18, 2008.

A. Blake Chadwell

Board Secretary

Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board