

**STATE OF  
OHIO**

**HEARING AID  
DEALERS AND  
FITTERS LICENSING  
BOARD**

*A guide to public participation in  
the Board's rule making process*

## **Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board**

The Ohio Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board, in accordance with Chapter 4747 of the Ohio Revised Code, regulates the dispensing of hearing aids to the public .

The Board is comprised of three members who are hearing aid dealers and fitters, one member who is a clinical audiologist, one member who is an otolaryngologist, two members who are public representatives, and the Director of Health who is an ex-officio member. Section 4747.04 of the Ohio Revised Code gives the Board the authority to promulgate rules.

### **Step One:**

Draft Rules-The initial draft of rules is prepared by the Board. During the initial drafting of rules every effort is made to solicit input from affected organizations and individuals.

All parties interested in providing input into the initial drafting of specific rules may contact the Board. Copies of the draft rules are available from the Board Secretary.

### **Step Two:**

Pending rules-The draft rules are formally proposed to be adopted, amended, or rescinded as appropriate in accordance with Revised Code Chapter 119. After the Board proposes the draft rules, the proposed rules are filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR),

the Legislative Service Commission (LSC), the Secretary of State, and the Office of Small Business. A public hearing is scheduled and a notice of public hearing is published in the legal notice section of the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Columbus Dispatch, Marietta Times, and the Toledo Blade. A copy of the proposed rules is sent to interested parties on a mailing list maintained by the Board.

Interested parties may provide oral testimony on proposed rules at the public hearing. Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted by mail or facsimile to the Board Secretary any time prior to the hearing. Any one wishing to be included on the Board's mailing list to receive advanced notice of public hearings and copies of proposed rules should contact the Board Secretary. After the public hearing , JCARR holds its hearing on the proposed rules on or after the forty-first(41) day of filing, JCARR has sixty-five (65) days jurisdiction over the proposed rules. If at any time in the rule making process it is necessary to make a change to the proposed rules, a revised version of the rules must be filed with JCARR, LSC, the Secretary of State, and the Office of Small Business . JCARR has thirty (30) days jurisdiction from the date the rules are refiled and will hold a hearing on the rules during this time. No rules can be adopted/amended/rescinded until JCARR's jurisdiction expires.

The Board welcomes all interested parties to provide input on any draft/proposed rules that

are under consideration. All comments, written or oral, are given full consideration by the Board.

### **Draft/Pending Rules:**

To request copies or submit comments on draft/pending rules, contact:

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