

By Senator Peaden

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hearing aid specialists;
3 amending s. 456.062, F.S.; deleting a
4 requirement that hearing aid specialists make
5 certain disclosures regarding services that are
6 provided free of charge or at a reduced fee;
7 providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 456.062, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 456.062 Advertisement by a health care practitioner of
14 free or discounted services; required statement.--In any
15 advertisement for a free, discounted fee, or reduced fee
16 service, examination, or treatment by a health care
17 practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
18 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, chapter 464,
19 chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 478, chapter
20 483, part I of chapter 484, chapter 486, chapter 490, or
21 chapter 491, the following statement shall appear in capital
22 letters clearly distinguishable from the rest of the text:
23 THE PATIENT AND ANY OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT HAS A
24 RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PAY, CANCEL PAYMENT, OR BE REIMBURSED FOR
25 PAYMENT FOR ANY OTHER SERVICE, EXAMINATION, OR TREATMENT THAT
26 IS PERFORMED AS A RESULT OF AND WITHIN 72 HOURS OF RESPONDING
27 TO THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FREE, DISCOUNTED FEE, OR REDUCED
28 FEE SERVICE, EXAMINATION, OR TREATMENT. However, the required
29 statement shall not be necessary as an accompaniment to an
30 advertisement of a licensed health care practitioner defined
31 by this section if the advertisement appears in a classified

1 | directory the primary purpose of which is to provide products
2 | and services at free, reduced, or discounted prices to
3 | consumers and in which the statement prominently appears in at
4 | least one place.

5 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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8 | SENATE SUMMARY

9 | Removes a requirement that hearing aid specialists
10 | provide a disclosure concerning the right to refuse to
11 | pay for certain services that are advertised as free,
12 | discounted, or reduced.

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