

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**



**Session 2007**

**Legislative Fiscal Note**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 1332 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Raise Fee Ceil'g/Amend Hear. Aid Dealer Laws.

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Purcell

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (X)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2007-08</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009-10</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>No General Fund Impact</b>				
NC Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board	\$ 83,025	\$ 86,000	\$ 88,975	\$ 91,950	\$ 94,925
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>POSITIONS</b> (cumulative):	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b> North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board.					
 <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> Upon ratification.					

**BILL SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the maximum fees that may be charged for licensure examinations, travel expenses for the Board, and license applications and renewals. The bill adds a provision to G.S. 93D-13 to specify that documents containing information collected by the Board as a result of an investigation or inquiry conducted in connection with registration, licensure, or a disciplinary matter are not public record, except that notices, statements of charges, or decisions rendered in a disciplinary matter are public record. The bill provides that information identifying a consumer is not public unless the consumer consents to disclosure and makes other clarifying and technical changes. The bill also amends G.S. 93D-11 to provide that in the case of a default in payment, in addition to by mail, the notice to the licensee may be sent by certified mail, or in a manner provided for in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j) (1) d (by depositing with a designated delivery service a copy of the summons and complaint, addressed to the party to be served, delivering to the addressee, and obtaining a delivery receipt).

*Source: Bill Digest S.B. 1332 (03/21/0200)*

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Senate Bill 1332 raises fees for three items which are summarized in table 1 below.

Table 1

FEE SCHEDULE	Current	Proposed	Increase
Exam	\$ 75	\$ 300	\$ 225
Application	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 100
Renewal	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 100

The number of individuals subject to the fees are based off of 2006-07 actual numbers and are grown at 3% from year to year. Anyone paying for the exam is required to pay the application fee at the same time so these figures will always be in parity. The Board estimates that the number of individuals subject to the yearly renewal fee grows at an average of 20 individuals in a fiscal year. Based on this information the Board can expect the following revenue stream:

Table 2

FISCAL IMPACT	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Exam	97	100	103	106	109
Application	97	100	103	106	109
Renewal	515	535	555	575	595
Exam	\$ 21,825	\$ 22,500	\$ 23,175	\$ 23,850	\$ 24,525
Application	\$ 9,700	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,300	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,900
Renewal	\$ 51,500	\$ 53,500	\$ 55,500	\$ 57,500	\$ 59,500
TOTAL	\$ 83,025	\$ 86,000	\$ 88,975	\$ 91,950	\$ 94,925

North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board:

This bill makes changes to the way the Board distributes travel reimbursement to its members, specifically compelling it to adhere to G.S. 93B-5. As the Board already complies with the provisions of G.S. 93B-5, the expansion of duties and responsibilities in the bill has no fiscal impact.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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