

[ (b) Any person engaging in the fitting and sale of hearing aids, will, prior to engaging in such practice with a child twelve (12) years of age or under, ascertain whether the child has been examined by an otolaryngologist within the previous ninety days. If the child has not been examined by an otolaryngologist within the previous ninety days, the person engaging in the fitting and sale of hearing aids must make a written recommendation for such an examination prior to the fitting or selling of a hearing aid for the child.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 739A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

739A.

ANY HEARING AID DEALER, PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FITTING AND SELLING OF HEARING AIDS WITH RESPECT TO ANY PERSON, SHALL ASCERTAIN WHETHER THAT PERSON HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY AN OTOLARYNGOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN, OTOLOGIST, OR OR PHYSICIAN, OR AUDILOGIST WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 90 DAYS SIX MONTHS. IF THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN SO EXAMINED, THE HEARING AID DEALER (1) SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION FOR SUCH AN EXAMINATION OF THE PERSON, AND (2) MAY NOT FIT OR SELL THAT PERSON A HEARING AID UNTIL SATISFACTORY WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF A HEARING EXAMINATION BY AN OTOLARYNGOLOGIST OR PHYSICIAN, OTOLOGIST, OR PHYSICIAN, OR AUDILOGIST HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE DEALER. ANY PERSON 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY WAIVE IN WRITING SUCH EXAMINATION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 756

(House Bill 68)

AN ACT concerning

Public Education - High School Diplomas

FOR the purpose of reducing the age requirement and eliminating a certain waiting period for certain people to obtain a high school diploma or certificate after successfully taking a high school