

Defined term: "Hearing aid dealer" § 8-101

(C) FIT HEARING AIDS.

"FIT HEARING AIDS" MEANS:

(1) SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHOOSING, ADAPTING, OR SELLING HEARING AIDS OR FOR THE USE OF A MEMBER OF A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT HAS A PROFESSIONAL CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN HEARING, TO MEASURE HUMAN HEARING BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF AN AUDIOGRAM BY MEANS OF AN AUDIOMETER AND EVALUATION OF THE AUDIOGRAM;

(2) TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION OF A HUMAN EAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING AN EAR MOLD; OR

(3) TO PROVIDE ADVICE ABOUT THE CHOICE OR USE OF A HEARING AID BY A HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 508(4).

The term "fit hearing aids" is substituted, as the defined term, for the former term "[p]ractice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids", since this subsection deals only with those aspects of the practice that constitute fitting hearing aids. Compare subsection (i) of this section, which defines "provide hearing aid services". The substitution reflects that the former law sometimes distinguished selling from fitting hearing aids by use of variations of the former defined term such as "sale or practice of fitting hearing aids". See the General Revisor's Note to this title.

In item (1) of this subsection, the reference to "a member of a health occupation that has a professional concern about human hearing" is substituted for the former reference to "a physician or member of related professions", to clarify that not only must the occupation be related to medicine but the practitioner must be concerned with human hearing.

In item (3) of this subsection, the reference to "a hearing impaired individual" is substituted for the former, less appropriate reference to "the hard-of-hearing".

The Business Occupations Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that hearing aid dealers believe that the former law allowed them to evaluate a measurement of human