

(III) A PUBLIC ORGANIZATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 56, § 509, as that sentence prohibited the unlicensed practice of fitting or selling hearing aids, and rephrased in standard language to state affirmatively that an individual must be licensed to provide hearing aid services. See also § 8-501 of this title.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 56, § 512(a).

In subsection (a) of this section, the defined term "provide hearing aid services" is substituted for the former words "engage in the sale or practice of fitting hearing aids" to conform to changes in terminology made throughout this title.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the reference to being "licensed" is substituted for the former reference to holding a "certificate of registration" or "certificate of endorsement", for consistency and conformity to changes in terminology made throughout this article. See the General Revisor's Note to this article.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, the word "section" is substituted for the former word "subtitle", to limit the scope of the enumerated exceptions. The Business Occupations Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, when read literally, former Art. 56, § 512(a) provided exceptions to the entire former subtitle. The Board indicated, however, that the intention of former § 512(a) was to provide exceptions merely to the licensing requirement for individuals while engaged in the specified activities. The Committee concurred with the interpretation of the Board on the intended purpose of former § 512(a). Therefore, the substitution limits subsection (b) of this section only to the licensing requirement of this section.

Subsection (b)(2) of this section is revised so that the clause "that is supported primarily by voluntary contributions" modifies only the reference to a "nonprofit" organization. Although former Art. 56, § 512(a) referred to "a public, charitable, or nonprofit institution or organization which is primarily supported by voluntary contributions" and, if read