STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 10, 2019

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a pilot program for the dispensing of hearing aids in the county of Westchester; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 17 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 17

DISPENSING OF HEARING AIDS; COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Section 1700. Dispensing of hearing aids; county of Westchester.

§ 1700. Dispensing of hearing aids; county of Westchester. 1. The county of Westchester shall establish and implement an comprehensive pilot program to provide for the dispensing of hearing aids pursuant to the provisions of this section. Such pilot program shall continue for a period of five years after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen that added this article.

2. An audiologist or hearing aid dispenser licensed under article one hundred fifty-nine of the education law employed by an otolaryngologist practicing otolaryngology in the county of Westchester who has conducted a medical evaluation of hearing loss may dispense hearing aids for profit provided that the otolaryngologist who has conducted a medical evaluation of hearing loss provides to the patient a list containing the name and office location of five hearing aid dispensers with a place of business located within the county of Westchester and a written statement disclosing that the otolaryngologist's office will receive a profit from the sale of any hearing aid device.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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