

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 11, 2021

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:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 18
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 18

DISPENSING OF HEARING AIDS; COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Section 1800. Dispensing of hearing aids; county of Westchester.

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6 § 1800. Dispensing of hearing aids; county of Westchester. 1. The
7 county of Westchester shall establish and implement a comprehensive
8 pilot program to provide for the dispensing of hearing aids pursuant to
9 the provisions of this section. Such pilot program shall continue for a
10 period of five years after the effective date of the chapter of the laws
11 of two thousand twenty-one that added this article.

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

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23 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after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

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

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