

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

March 4, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

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

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

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5 § 1800. Dispensing of hearing aids; county of Westchester. 1. The  
6 county of Westchester shall establish and implement a comprehensive  
7 pilot program to provide for the dispensing of hearing aids pursuant to  
8 the provisions of this section. Such pilot program shall continue for a  
9 period of five years after the effective date of the chapter of the laws  
10 of two thousand twenty-one that added this article.

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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23 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after  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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