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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, termination dates are established for enumerated state agencies. The agencies are periodically reviewed by the Alabama Sunset Committee. After the review process is completed, the committee prepares its recommendation for the agencies to the Legislature in the form of sunset bills which either continue, terminate, or continue with modification each agency reviewed.

This bill would provide for the continuance of the Board of Hearing Instrument Dealers until October 1, 2029, with the following change: To require that a board member resides in and be appointed from each congressional district in this state and that any remaining members be appointed from the state at-large.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Board of Hearing Instrument Dealers until October 1, 2029, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-14-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to require that



29 a board member resides in and be appointed from each  
30 congressional district in this state and that any remaining  
31 members be appointed from the state at-large.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

33 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the  
34 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the Board of  
35 Hearing Instrument Dealers until October 1, 2029, with  
36 additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in  
37 Section 3.

38 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Board  
39 of Hearing Instrument Dealers, created and functioning  
40 pursuant to Sections 34-14-1 to 34-14-34, inclusive, Code of  
41 Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1, 2029, and those  
42 code sections are expressly preserved.

43 Section 3. Section 34-14-30, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
44 amended to read as follows:

45 "§34-14-30

46 (a) There is established a Board of Hearing Instrument  
47 Dealers which shall administer this chapter.

48 (b) (1) Members of the board shall be citizens and  
49 residents of the state and appointed by the Governor. The  
50 membership of the board shall be inclusive and reflect the  
51 racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, and  
52 economic diversity of the state. Commencing on June 1, 2025,  
53 as the terms of the members serving on the board expire, the  
54 membership of the board shall be appointed so that one member  
55 resides in and is appointed from each congressional district  
56 in this state with the remaining members being appointed from



57 [the state at-large.](#)

58       (2) The board shall consist of eight members as  
59 follows: Five licensees, one of whom may be a hearing aid  
60 specialist, one physician who specializes in diseases of the  
61 ear, one audiologist, and one consumer member. The consumer  
62 member shall have the same powers as other board members,  
63 except that the consumer member shall have no voting powers in  
64 matters of issuing, suspending, or revoking licenses, and  
65 neither the consumer member, nor his or her spouse, ~~shall~~ [may](#)  
66 be a hearing aid specialist or hearing aid dispenser. Each  
67 hearing aid specialist or hearing aid dispenser on the board  
68 shall have no less than three years of experience and shall  
69 hold a valid license as a hearing aid specialist or hearing  
70 aid dispenser, as provided under this chapter. No member of  
71 the board ~~shall~~ [may](#) be from the same business or firm of  
72 another board member, and no member ~~shall~~ [may](#) be the spouse or  
73 immediate family member of another board member.

74       (c) All members of the board shall be appointed by the  
75 Governor from a list of qualified persons nominated by the  
76 Alabama Society for Hearing Healthcare Providers. The term of  
77 office of each member shall be for four years. Before a  
78 member's term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor  
79 to assume his or her duties upon the expiration of his or her  
80 predecessor's term. A vacancy in the office of a member shall  
81 be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The members  
82 of the board shall annually designate one member to serve as  
83 chair, another to serve as vice chair, and such other officers  
84 the board deems necessary, including a complaints chair.



85 (d) No member of the board who has served two or more  
86 full terms may be reappointed to the board until at least one  
87 year after the expiration of his or her most recent full term  
88 of office.

89 (e) Members of the board shall receive for each day  
90 actually engaged in the duties of the office a per diem amount  
91 of twenty-five dollars (\$25), not to exceed the sum of one  
92 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, and reimbursement for  
93 traveling expenses as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 7 of  
94 Title 36, and other expenses, the remuneration and  
95 reimbursement to be paid from appropriations made for this  
96 purpose.

97 (f) The Governor may remove any member for neglect of  
98 duty, incompetency, or unprofessional conduct. The board may  
99 employ, and at its pleasure discharge, an executive secretary  
100 and such officers and employees as may be necessary, and the  
101 board shall fix their compensation."

102 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the  
103 recommendation of the Sunset Committee as provided in Sections  
104 1, 2, and 3.

105 Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
106 2025.