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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; limiting fees for hearing aid dispensers; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2008, section 153A.17.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 153A.17, is amended to read:

1.6 **153A.17 EXPENSES; FEES.**

1.7 (a) The expenses for administering the certification requirements including the
1.8 complaint handling system for certified hearing aid dispensers in sections 153A.14 and
1.9 153A.15 and the Consumer Information Center under section 153A.18 must be paid
1.10 from initial application and examination fees, renewal fees, penalties, and fines. ~~All~~
1.11 ~~fees are nonrefundable.~~

1.12 (b) The certificate application fee is \$350, the examination fee is \$250 for the
1.13 written portion and \$250 for the practical portion each time one or the other is taken,
1.14 and the trainee application fee is \$200. The penalty fee for late submission of a renewal
1.15 application is \$200. The fee for verification of certification to other jurisdictions or entities
1.16 is \$25. All fees are nonrefundable.

1.17 (c) All fees, penalties, and fines received must be deposited in the state government
1.18 special revenue fund. The commissioner may prorate the certification fee for new
1.19 applicants based on the number of quarters remaining in the annual certification period.

1.20 (d) The fees charged by the commissioner must reflect the actual costs of
1.21 administering the program under paragraph (a). Fees must not be increased to cover the
1.22 costs associated with investigating allegations against uncertified hearing aid dispensers.