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SENATE BILL 1203*

Short Title: Consumer Guidelines for Hearing Aid Purchases. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell, Dorsett, Bingham, Queen, Forrester; Atwater, Davis, Goss, Purcell, Snow, and Vaughan.

Referred to: Health Care.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS BOARD TO
2 COORDINATE A TASK FORCE THAT WILL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR
3 CONSUMERS TO USE WHEN PURCHASING A HEARING AID, AS
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board shall coordinate a task
8 force which shall develop recommended guidelines for consumers seeking information and
9 assistance in the treatment of hearing loss and the purchase of a hearing aid. The task force
10 shall include representatives of the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board; the Division of
11 Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Department of Health and Human Services; the
12 Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General; and may include other
13 interested stakeholders.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board shall report the
15 findings and recommendations of the task force, along with recommendations on methods to
16 disseminate hearing aid purchasing guidelines, to the North Carolina Study Commission on
17 Aging on or before October 15, 2010.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

