**Legal Title**  
Hearing Aid Dispensers Account of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Fund

**Legal Citation/Authority**  
Chapter 1514, Statutes of 1970 Section 2  
Business and Professions Code sections 3455

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**Purpose**  
Business and Professions Code Sections 3455 (b) states, “all money in the Hearing Aid Dispensers Fund on January 1, 2010, shall be transferred on that date to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Account of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Fund. All fees collected pursuant to this chapter shall be paid by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (board) into the Hearing Aid Dispensers Account of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Fund.” The revenue deposited in this account is used by the board to license and regulate pathologists and audiologists. Chapter 309, Statutes of 2009 added regulation to include persons engaged in the practice of selling hearing aids as provided in Business and Professions Code Section 3306.

**Administrating Agency/Organization Code**  
Department of Consumer Affairs - Regulatory Boards/Org 1110

**Major Revenue Source**  
License application and renewal fees.

**Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**  
Moved to Fund 0376 – Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Fund.

**Appropriation Authority**  
Business and Professions Code Section 3455 provides that all money in the account shall be used to carry out the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 5.3 (commencing with Section 2530), as provided in Section 2534.

**State Appropriations Limit**  
Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to regulate the activities engaged in by the payers.

**Comments/Historical Information**  
Provisions for the Hearing Aid Dispensers program are found in Business and Professions Code Sections (B&PC) 3300 through 3456.  
Ch 1162, Statutes of 1988 Section 28 Amendment: substituted "committee" for "board" in the second sentence and deleted "board and to the" after "appropriated to the" in the third sentence.
Ch 277, Statutes of 2000 (AB 2697) Section 45 Amendment: substituted "bureau into the" for "committee into such" in the second sentence and "bureau" for "committee" in the third sentence.

Ch 74, Statutes of 2005 (AB 139) Section 10 Amendment: substituted "shall be used" for "is continuously appropriated to the bureau" in the last sentence.

Ch 309, Statutes of 2009 (AB 1535) Amendments: Section 1 (B&PC Section 101) changed Administering Org from the Department of Consumer Affairs Bureaus, Programs, Divisions/Org 1111 to the Department of Consumer Affairs Regulatory Boards/Org 1110, Section 13 [B&PC Section 3300 (h)] changed name from "Fund" to "Account," and Section 53 [B&PC Section 3455 (a)] changed the name to "Hearing Aid Dispensers Account" in the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Fund.

Chapter 449, Statutes of 2011 (SB 933) abolished this fund and combined to Fund 0376 – Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Fund.