GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55524-SHz-20A* (04/01)

Short Title:	Consumer Guidelines for Hearing Aid Purchases.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Swindell, Dorsett, Bingham, Queen, and Forrester.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS BOARD TO COORDINATE A TASK FORCE THAT WILL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR CONSUMERS TO USE WHEN PURCHASING A HEARING AID, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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