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# HOUSE BILL 926: Regulatory Reform Act of 2025, Secs. 9 & 9.1: Locked Hearing Aid Disclosures for Hearing Aid Fitters, Dealers, and Audiologists

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2025-94, Secs. 9 & 9.1

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Section 9 of S.L. 2025-94 (House Bill 926) establishes certain requirements applicable to licensed hearing aid specialists who sell locked hearing aids. This section requires licensed hearing aid specialists who sell locked hearing aids to provide purchasers with the following written notice in 12-point font type or larger, prior to the sale:

"The locked hearing aid being purchased uses locked, nonproprietary or proprietary locked programming software and can only be serviced or programmed at specific facilities or locations."

The purchaser must sign the written notice prior to completing any sale.

Upon selling a locked hearing aid, the seller must deliver to the purchaser a written receipt that provides, in addition to the information required by G.S. 93D-7, the following information: the date of sale; the make, model, and serial number of the hearing aid; whether the hearing aid is new, used, or reconditioned; the name and license number of each person who sold or provided any recommendation or consultation regarding the purchase; the address and office hours for the licensee's business; and the terms of any guarantee or written warranty made to the purchaser.

Section 9.1 of S.L. 2025-94 establishes requirements for licensed audiologists that are identical to those requirements in Section 9 which are applicable to hearing aid specialists.

These sections became effective October 1, 2025.

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