

House File 120 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to telecoil assistive devices and including
2 applicability provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216E.1, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. "*Telecoil assistive device*" means a
4 tiny coil of wire around a core that supplements or replaces an
5 input device within a hearing assistive device that will induce
6 an electric current in the coil when it is in the presence of
7 a magnetic field.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 216E.5A **Telecoil assistive device**
9 **notification requirements.**

10 1. At the time of receiving a purchase order for a hearing
11 assistive device is received, the assistive device dealer
12 or assistive device lessor shall provide the consumer with
13 written information pertaining to a telecoil assistive device,
14 including all of the following:

15 a. The setting on the telecoil assistive device.

16 b. The compatibility of the telecoil assistive device
17 with other assistive devices which are compliant with the
18 federal Americans with Disabilities Act pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
19 §12101-12117.

20 2. A consumer receiving the written information shall sign
21 a copy of the written information which shall be retained by
22 the assistive device dealer or assistive device lessor for the
23 period corresponding to the number of years of warranty set out
24 by the manufacturers.

25 Sec. 3. **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to hearing
26 assistive device purchase orders received on or after September
27 1, 2019.

28 **EXPLANATION**

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill relates to telecoil assistive devices.

32 The bill defines a telecoil assistive device as a tiny coil
33 of wire around a core that supplements or replaces an input
34 device within a hearing assistive device that will induce an
35 electric current in the coil when it is in the presence of a

1 magnetic field.

2 The bill provides that at the time of receiving an order
3 for a hearing assistive device, the consumer will be provided
4 written information by the assistive device dealer or assistive
5 device lessor related to a telecoil assistive device.

6 The bill provides that the written information shall
7 include the setting on the telecoil assistive device and the
8 compatibility of the device with other assistive devices which
9 are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

10 The bill requires that a copy of the written information
11 signed by the consumer be retained by the assistive device
12 dealer or assistive device manufacturer for the period
13 corresponding to the number of years of warranty set out by the
14 manufacturer.

15 The bill applies to telecoil purchase orders received on or
16 after September 1, 2019.