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Amend the bill in Part C in section 3 in §17304 by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 11, lines 2 to 6 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Audiologists identify, assess, manage and interpret test results related to disorders of human hearing, balance and other neural systems, including the dispensing of hearing aids. Audiologists also supervise programs and services related to human communication and its disorders; counsel families, individuals and caregivers; and provide consultation, make referrals and develop preventative programs.

Amend the bill by inserting after Part C the following:

PART D

Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Reduces allocation for the per diem and all other costs associated with the elimination of 7 board members from the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters and the Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	(\$2,940)	(\$2,940)
All Other	(\$3,612)	(\$3,612)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$6,552)	(\$6,552)

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the scope of practice for audiologists and maintains current audiology practice standards. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)