

**45:3B-25 et al.**  
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**LAWS OF:** 2019                    **CHAPTER:** 41

**NJSA:** 45:3B-25 et al. (Permits certain audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.)

**BILL NO:** S746                    (Substituted for A3045)

**SPONSOR(S)** Patrick J. Diegnan and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/9/2018

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** ---

**SENATE:** Commerce

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** 1/31/2019

**SENATE:** 1/31/2019

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 3/18/2019

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (First Reprint enacted)                    Yes

**S746**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:**                    Yes

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**                    No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 41, *approved March 18, 2019*  
Senate, No. 746 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning audiologists and amending and supplementing  
2 P.L.1983, c.420, and amending P.L.1973, c.19.

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5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. (New section) An audiologist licensed to practice pursuant  
8 to P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.), may dispense and fit hearing  
9 aids if he has successfully completed <sup>1</sup>【, as determined by the  
10 committee,】<sup>1</sup> a program of coursework and clinical training <sup>1</sup>【,  
11 while demonstrating sufficient didactic and applied experience to be  
12 competent】<sup>1</sup> in the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids <sup>1</sup>which  
13 meets the requirements established by the committee<sup>1</sup>, from an  
14 institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council on  
15 Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language  
16 Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association,  
17 or any other organization, as may be approved by the committee.

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19 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-2) is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 2. As used in **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.):

22 a. "Audiologist" means any individual who practices audiology  
23 and who represents himself or herself to the public by title or by  
24 description of services, under any title incorporating such terms as  
25 "audiology," "audiologist," "audiological," "audiologic," "hearing  
26 clinic," "hearing clinician," "hearing therapist," or any similar title  
27 or descriptions of services, provided that the individual has met the  
28 eligibility requirements contained in section 8 of P.L.1983, c.420  
29 (C.45:3B-8) and has been duly licensed under **【this act】** P.L.1983,  
30 c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.).

31 b. "Committee" means the Audiology and Speech-Language  
32 Pathology Advisory Committee.

33 c. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership,  
34 trust, association or other organization, except that only individuals  
35 may be licensed under P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.).

36 d. "Practice of audiology" means the nonmedical and  
37 nonsurgical application of principles, methods, and procedures of  
38 measurement, testing, evaluation, consultation, counseling,  
39 instruction, and habilitation or rehabilitation related to hearing, its  
40 disorders, and related communication impairments for the purpose

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 17, 2018.

1 of nonmedical diagnosis, prevention, identification, amelioration, or  
2 modification of these disorders and conditions in individuals or  
3 groups of individuals with speech, language, or hearing disabilities,  
4 or to individuals or groups of individuals for whom these conditions  
5 must be ruled out.

6 e. "Practice of speech-language pathology" means the  
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10 instruction related to the development and disorders of speech,  
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16 f. "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual who  
17 practices speech-language pathology and who represents himself or  
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19 title incorporating such terms as "speech-language pathology,"  
20 "speech-language pathologist," "speech pathology," "speech  
21 pathologist," "speech correction," "speech correctionist," "speech  
22 therapy," "speech therapist," "speech clinic," "speech clinician,"  
23 "logopedist," "communicologist," "language therapist,"  
24 "communication disorders specialist," "communication therapist,"  
25 or any similar titles of description of services, provided that the  
26 individual has met the eligibility requirements contained in section  
27 8 of P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-8) and has been duly licensed under  
28 P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.).

29 g. "Dispensing and fitting hearing aids" means the evaluation  
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31 of an audiometer or by any other means devised and the consequent  
32 selection, adaptation, or sale of hearing aids intended to compensate  
33 for hearing loss, including the making of an impression of the ear.  
34 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.181)

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36 3. Section 15 of P.L.1973, c.19 (C.45:9A-15) is amended to  
37 read as follows:

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40 shall annually pay to the committee a fee of **[\$25.00]** \$25 for a  
41 renewal of his license or certificate of endorsement. The committee  
42 may suspend the license or certificate of any person who fails to  
43 have his license or certificate renewed.  
44 (cf: P.L.1973, c.19, s.15)

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46 4. Section 22 of P.L.1973, c.19 (C.45:9A-22) is amended to  
47 read as follows:

1        22. This act shall not apply to any person while he is engaged in  
2 the practice of fitting hearing aids if his practice is part of the  
3 academic curriculum of an accredited institution of higher  
4 education or part of a program conducted by a public, charitable  
5 institution or nonprofit organization, which is primarily supported  
6 by voluntary contributions unless they sell hearing aids.

7        This act shall not be construed to prevent any person who is: a  
8 medical or osteopathic physician licensed to practice by the board  
9 from treating, or fitting hearing aids to, the human ear; or a licensed  
10 audiologist from dispensing and fitting hearing aids pursuant to  
11 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
12 as this bill).

13 (cf: P.L.1973, c.19, s.22)

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15        5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Permits certain audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

# SENATE, No. 746

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator NILSA CRUZ-PEREZ**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Cryan**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits certain audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/28/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning audiologists and amending and supplementing  
2 P.L.1983, c.420, and amending P.L.1973, c.19.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. (New section) An audiologist licensed to practice pursuant  
8 to P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.), may dispense and fit hearing  
9 aids if he has successfully completed, as determined by the  
10 committee, a program of coursework and clinical training, while  
11 demonstrating sufficient didactic and applied experience to be  
12 competent in the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids, from an  
13 institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council on  
14 Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language  
15 Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association,  
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23 of services, under any title incorporating such terms as "audiology,"  
24 "audiologist," "audiological," "audiologic," "hearing clinic,"  
25 "hearing clinician," "hearing therapist," or any similar title or  
26 description of services, provided that the individual has met the  
27 eligibility requirements contained in section 8 of P.L.1983, c.420  
28 (C.45:3B-8) and has been duly licensed under **[this act]** P.L.1983,  
29 c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.).

30 b. "Committee" means the Audiology and Speech-Language  
31 Pathology Advisory Committee.

32 c. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership,  
33 trust, association or other organization, except that only individuals  
34 may be licensed under **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et  
35 seq.).

36 d. "Practice of audiology" means the nonmedical and  
37 nonsurgical application of principles, methods, and procedures of  
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39 instruction, and habilitation or rehabilitation related to hearing, its  
40 disorders and related communication impairments for the purpose  
41 of nonmedical diagnosis, prevention, identification, amelioration or  
42 modification of these disorders and conditions in individuals or  
43 groups of individuals with speech, language or hearing handicaps,  
44 or to individuals or groups of individuals for whom these  
45 handicapping conditions must be ruled out.

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14 incorporating such terms as "speech-language pathology," "speech-  
15 language pathologist," "speech pathology," "speech pathologist,"  
16 "speech correction," "speech correctionist," "speech therapy,"  
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22 c.420 (C.45:3B-8) and has been duly licensed under **[this act]**  
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28 for hearing loss, including the making of an impression of the ear.  
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SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 746**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 746.

This bill permits certain licensed audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

As provided in the bill, an audiologist licensed to practice pursuant to P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.), may dispense and fit hearing aids after successfully completing, as determined by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, a program of coursework and clinical training, while demonstrating sufficient didactic and applied experience to be competent in the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids, from an institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or any other organization, as may be approved by the committee.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# STATEMENT TO

## **SENATE, No. 746**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman VAINIERI HUTTLE)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 17, 2018

These floor amendments remove the requirement that an audiologist is required to demonstrate didactic and applied experience in order to dispense and fit hearing aids. The amendments clarify that the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee will establish requirements regarding the program of coursework and clinical training required to be completed by an audiologist.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3045

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman NICHOLAS CHIARAVALLOTTI**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen DePhillips, Moriarty, Assemblywomen DiMaso and Murphy**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3045**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3045.

This bill permits certain licensed audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

As provided in the bill, an audiologist licensed to practice pursuant to P.L.1983, c.420 (C.45:3B-1 et seq.), may dispense and fit hearing aids after successfully completing, as determined by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee, a program of coursework and clinical training, while demonstrating sufficient didactic and applied experience to be competent in the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids, from an institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, or any other organization, as may be approved by the committee.

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## Newark, N.J.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/18/2019

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law

**AJR-149 (Schepisi, Jasey, Johnson/Pou, T. Kean)** – Designates September of each year as “Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month” in New Jersey.

**AJR-164 (Benson, Zwicker, Lampitt/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Establishes "New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force."

**A-591 (Moriarty, Reynolds-Jackson, Jimenez/Pou, Cruz-Perez)** – Prohibits discrimination against cash-paying consumers.

**A-1400 (A.M. Bucco, Caputo, DeCroce, Johnson/A.R. Bucco, Gopal)** – Revises law governing Class Three special law enforcement officer.

**A-4073 (Holley, Carter, Kennedy, Quijano/Scutari, Cryan)** – Designates portion of State Highway Route 27 in Union County as "Jerry Green Memorial Highway."

**A-4177 (Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Downey/Singleton, Ruiz)** – Allows county homelessness trust funds to be used for code blue emergency shelter services.

**A-4701 (Spearman, Chiaravalloti, Mukherji, Quijano/Ruiz, Cunningham)** – Requires DHS to establish electronic portal to promote surplus food donation collaboration among nonprofit organizations, gleaners, and food retailers.

**A-4734 (Land, Taliaferro, Mukherji/Beach, C.A. Brown)** – Appropriates \$1,190,349 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for historic site management grants to certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses.

**S-121 (Weinberg, Gill/McKeon, Bramnick, Vainieri Huttle)** – Bars provisions in employment contracts that waive rights or remedies; bars agreements that conceal details relating to discrimination claims.

**S-641 (Beach, Bateman/Munoz, Thomson, Lampitt)** – Upgrades penalty for failing to report act of sexual abuse against child.

**S-746 (Diegnan, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Chiaravalloti)** – Permits certain audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

**S-1073 (Smith, Bateman, Codey, Greenstein/McKeon, Pinkin, Tucker)** – Authorizes municipalities, counties, and certain authorities to establish stormwater utilities.

**S-1773 (Diegnan, Gopal/Calabrese, Chiaravalloti, Tully)** – Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

**S-2454 (Madden/Murphy, Houghtaling, Downey)** – Concerns prevailing wage requirements for certain fabrication.

**S-2712 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Murphy)** – Mandates certain training for DOE arbitrators.

**S-2714 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Armato, Murphy)** – Requires school districts to notify State Board of Examiners when teaching staff member fails to report child abuse for determination of revocation or suspension of certificate.

**S-2715 (Madden, Ruiz/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson)** – Requires Attorney General to develop protocol for retaining footage from school surveillance system.

**S-2773 (Pou/Greenwald, Lopez, Vainieri Huttle)** – Clarifies definition of health care service firms and homemaker-home health aides.

**S-2922 (Vitale, O'Scanlon/Vainieri Huttle, DiMaso)** – Revises standard for presence of medical examiner during removal of anatomical gift from decedent.

Governor Murphy also announced that he has conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A-4904 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances.

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**S-2129 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Wimberly, Armato, Lopez, Mazzeo)** – Directs certain unclaimed electric and gas utility deposits in Unclaimed Utility Deposits Trust Fund and societal charge revenues be paid to Statewide nonprofit energy assistance organizations meeting certain eligibility criteria.

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