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1            AN ACT Relating to notification to purchasers of hearing devices  
2 about audio switch and bluetooth technology; and amending RCW  
3 18.35.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.35.030 and 2002 c 310 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) Any person who engages in fitting and dispensing of hearing  
8 instruments shall provide to each person who enters into an agreement  
9 to purchase a hearing instrument a receipt at the time of the  
10 agreement containing the following information:

11            ~~((1))~~ (a) The seller's name, signature, license, or permit  
12 number, address, and phone number of his or her regular place of  
13 business;

14            ~~((2))~~ (b) A description of the instrument furnished, including  
15 make, model, circuit options, and the term "used" or "reconditioned"  
16 if applicable;

17            ~~((3))~~ (c) A disclosure of the cost of all services including  
18 but not limited to the cost of testing and fitting, the actual cost  
19 of the hearing instrument furnished, the cost of ear molds if any,  
20 and the terms of the sale. These costs, including the cost of ear  
21 molds, shall be known as the total purchase price. The receipt shall

1 also contain a statement of the purchaser's recision rights under  
2 this chapter and an acknowledgment that the purchaser has read and  
3 understands these rights. Upon request, the purchaser shall also be  
4 supplied with a signed and dated copy of any hearing evaluation  
5 performed by the seller;

6 (d) Language that verifies that the purchaser has been informed  
7 of the benefits of audio switch technology, also referred to as a "t-  
8 coil" or "t-switch," such as increased access to telephones and  
9 assistive listening devices. If the purchaser bought a hearing device  
10 that has audio switch technology, the purchaser must be informed of  
11 the proper use of the technology; and

12 (e) Language that verifies that the purchaser has been informed  
13 of the availability and benefits of bluetooth technology.

14 ((+4)) (2) At the time of delivery of the hearing instrument,  
15 the purchaser shall also be furnished with the serial number of the  
16 hearing instrument supplied.

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