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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 811

February 29, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives J. Lehman, Ladwig, Musser, Pocan, Ryba, Miller, Wasserman and Waukau. Referred to Committee on Health.

AN ACT *to amend* 459.04 of the statutes; **relating to:** personal guarantees for sales of hearing aids.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the seller of a hearing aid is required to give the purchaser a personal guarantee that is at least identical in its terms to the guarantee of the manufacturer of the hearing aid. This bill requires the seller's guarantee to be in effect until at least one year from the date of purchase and to be at least identical in all other terms to the manufacturer's guarantee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **Section 1.** 459.04 of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 459.04 Seller's guarantee. The seller of a hearing aid shall give to the purchaser a personal guarantee that is in effect until at least one year from the date of purchase and that is at least identical in its all other terms to the guarantee of the manufacturer of the hearing aid.
- Section 2. Initial applicability.

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- (1) This act first applies to contracts for the sale of hearing aids that are entered into, extended, modified or renewed on the effective date of this subsection.
- 3 (END)