

1-1 By: Burkett (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 1543
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2017;
 1-3 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Schwertner | X | | | |
| 1-8 Uresti | X | | | |
| 1-9 Buckingham | X | | | |
| 1-10 Burton | X | | | |
| 1-11 Kolkhorst | X | | | |
| 1-12 Miles | X | | | |
| 1-13 Perry | X | | | |
| 1-14 Taylor of Collin | X | | | |
| 1-15 Watson | X | | | |

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to access to records that pertain to the testing for, and
 1-20 fitting and dispensing of, hearing instruments.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 402, Occupations Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 402.354 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 402.354. CLIENT ACCESS TO RECORDS. A client of a
 1-25 person licensed to fit and dispense hearing instruments or of a
 1-26 hearing instrument fitting and dispensing practice is entitled to
 1-27 obtain a copy of the client's records that pertain to the testing
 1-28 for, and fitting and dispensing of, hearing instruments by making a
 1-29 signed, written request to the license holder or practice for the
 1-30 records.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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