

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1868

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLEY (127).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 209, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a statewide hearing aid distribution program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 209, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 209.254, to read as follows:

209.254. 1. The Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing shall establish a statewide hearing aid distribution program to provide financial assistance to allow individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and whose household income is at or below the federal poverty level to obtain hearing aids.

2. The Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing may promulgate rules to implement and administer the statewide hearing aid distribution program under this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.

3. The Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing may enter into contracts as necessary to carry out the statewide hearing aid distribution program including, but not limited to, contracts with disability organizations.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.