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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 635

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to licensing of speech pathologists
7 and audiologists; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 74. SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS.

11 ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY

12 AND AUDIOLOGY.

13 Sec. 08.74.010. ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT OF BOARD.

14 There is established the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, con-
15 sisting of five members from as many separate judicial districts as
16 possible. Members shall have been residents of the state for at least
17 two years immediately preceding their appointment. The board consists
18 of two speech pathologists, one audiologist, one physician, and one
19 public member. The speech pathologists and audiologist on the first
20 board shall meet the requirements of sec. 110 of this chapter. Members
21 are appointed by the governor, who may appoint members from a list of
22 persons submitted by the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association.

23 Sec. 08.74.020. TERM OF OFFICE; COMPENSATION. (a) Board members
24 serve staggered three-year terms. Two members of the first board serve
25 three-year terms, two members serve two-year terms, and one member
26 serves a one-year term. A member may not serve more than two full terms
27 consecutively.

28 (b) Board members serve voluntarily except that members are en-
29 titled to travel expenses and per diem as allowed by law for other

1 boards.

2 Sec. 08.74.030. CHAIRPERSON, MEETINGS, QUORUM. (a) The board
3 annually elects a chairperson from its members.

4 (b) The board shall hold a regular meeting annually and other
5 meetings as may be necessary. Special meetings may be called by the
6 chairperson or by concurrence of two board members. A majority of the
7 members of the board constitutes a quorum.

8 Sec. 08.74.040. DUTIES AND POWERS. The board shall

9 (1) adopt standards for licensure of speech pathologists and
10 audiologists;

11 (2) adopt regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of
12 this chapter;

13 (3) evaluate the qualifications of applicants;

14 (4) investigate persons engaging in practices violating the
15 provisions of this chapter;

16 (5) conduct hearings and keep records and minutes necessary
17 for carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

18 (6) adopt standards for continuing professional education for
19 persons licensed under this chapter;

20 (7) establish, in consultation with the department, fees for
21 licenses issued by the board.

22 ARTICLE 2. LICENSING OF SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS
23 AND AUDIOLOGISTS.

24 Sec. 08.74.100. LICENSURE AS AUDIOLOGIST. To be eligible for a
25 license as an audiologist, an applicant shall

26 (1) have a master's degree in audiology;

27 (2) submit evidence to the board of having completed the
28 requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for the cer-
29 tificate of clinical competence in audiology.

1 Sec. 08.74.110. LICENSURE AS SPEECH PATHOLOGIST. To be eligible
2 for a license as a speech pathologist, an applicant shall

3 (1) have a master's degree in speech pathology;

4 (2) submit evidence to the board of having completed the
5 requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for the
6 certificate of clinical competence in speech pathology.

7 Sec. 08.74.120. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS. The board shall waive the
8 requirements of sec. 100 or 110 of this chapter for an applicant who, on
9 the effective date of this Act or in the two years before the effective
10 date of this Act for a period of at least six consecutive months, has
11 been actively engaged in the practice of speech pathology or audiology
12 and has a bachelor's degree in speech pathology or audiology, pays the
13 applicable fees, and applies for a license under this section or within
14 a year after the effective date of this Act.

15 Sec. 08.74.130. ENDORSEMENT. The board may license a person as an
16 audiologist or speech pathologist if the person

17 (1) holds the American Speech and Hearing Association Certi-
18 ficate of Clinical Competence in speech pathology or audiology; and

19 (2) is currently licensed as a speech pathologist or audiolo-
20 gist in another state or in Canada and that state or province in Canada
21 maintains professional licensing standards equivalent to those in this
22 chapter.

23 Sec. 08.74.140. DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE. The
24 board may deny, suspend, or revoke a license of, or reprimand or censure
25 a person or applicant who has

26 (1) obtained or attempted to obtain a license under this
27 chapter by fraud or deceit; or

28 (2) wilfully violated a provision of this chapter or a
29 regulation adopted under this chapter.

1 Sec. 08.74.150. RENEWAL OF LICENSE. (a) Licenses expire bien-
2 nially on a date set by the department and may be renewed by making an
3 application to the department and meeting the requirements established
4 by the board under sec. 40 of this chapter.

5 (b) A person who fails to renew his license within five years
6 after the date of its expiration must meet the requirements for obtain-
7 ing an initial license under this chapter.

8 Sec. 08.74.160. SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY AIDES. A person
9 pursuing a degree in speech pathology or audiology at an accredited
10 college or university may work as a speech pathologist or audiologist
11 aide if the person meets the standards set by the board for speech
12 pathologist or audiologist aides and is supervised by a speech patholo-
13 gist or audiologist licensed under this chapter.

14 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

15 Sec. 08.74.200. APPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.
16 The board shall adopt regulations and conduct hearings in accordance
17 with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

18 Sec. 08.74.210. VIOLATIONS. (a) It is unlawful for a person to

19 (1) fraudulently obtain or furnish a license, renewal or
20 record required by this chapter;

21 (2) use the title "speech pathologist" or "audiologist", or a
22 title or designation indicating or tending to indicate that he is a
23 speech pathologist or audiologist unless licensed by this chapter;

24 (3) wilfully violate a provision of this chapter or a regula-
25 tion adopted under this chapter.

26 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor
27 and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of \$500, or by imprisonment
28 for one year, or by both.

29 Sec. 08.74.220. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

1 (1) "actively engaged in the practice of speech pathology or
2 audiology" means the accumulation of 360 hours of practice in the appli-
3 cable field within a six-month period;

4 (2) "audiology" means the application of principles, methods,
5 and procedures for measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, con-
6 sultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation
7 related to hearing and disorders of hearing;

8 (3) "speech pathology" means the application of principles,
9 methods and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, diag-
10 nosis, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related
11 to the development and disorders of speech, voice, or language.

12 (4) "board" means the Board of Speech Pathology and Audi-
13 ology;

14 * Sec. 2. AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

15 (21) Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

16 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1976.
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