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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 AS 08.74.100 and 110. Members are
21 appointed by the governor, who may appoint members from a list of per-
22 sons 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

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Sec. 08.74.030. CHAIRMAN, MEETINGS, QUORUM. (a) The board annually elects a chairman from its members.

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

Sec. 08.74.040. DUTIES AND POWERS. The board shall

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

(2) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(3) evaluate the qualifications of applicants;

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 2. LICENSING OF SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS.

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

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

(2) submit evidence to the board of having completed the requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for the certificate 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 AS 08.74.100 or 110 for an applicant who, on July 1,
9 1979 or in the two years before July 1, 1979 for a period of at least
10 six consecutive months, has been actively engaged in the practice of
11 speech pathology or audiology in the state and has a bachelor's degree
12 in speech pathology or audiology, pays the applicable fees, and applies
13 for a license under this section before July 1, 1980.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) wilfully violated a provision of this chapter or a regu-
28 lation adopted under this chapter.

29 Sec. 08.74.150. RENEWAL OF LICENSE. (a) -Licenses expire bien-

1 nially on a date set by the department and may be renewed by making an
2 application to the department and meeting the requirements established
3 by the board under AS 08.74.040.

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

7 Sec. 08.74.160. SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY AIDES. A person
8 may work as a speech pathologist or audiologist aide if the person meets
9 the standards set by the board for speech pathologist or audiologist
10 aides and is supervised by a speech pathologist or audiologist licensed
11 under this chapter.

12 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 Sec. 08.74.220. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

29 (1) "actively engaged in the practice of speech pathology or

1 audiology" means the accumulation of 360 hours of practice in the appli-
2 cable field within a six-month period;

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

7 (3) "board" means the Board of Speech Pathology and Audi-
8 ology;

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

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

14 (22) Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

15 * Sec. 3. AS 08.03.010(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) Upon termination, each board listed in (a), [AND] (b) and (f)
17 of this section shall continue in existence until June 30 of the next
18 succeeding year for the purpose of concluding its affairs. During this
19 period, termination does not reduce or otherwise limit the powers or
20 authority of each board. One year after the date of termination, a
21 board not continued shall cease all activities.

22 * Sec. 4. AS 08.03.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (f) The Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (AS 08.74.010) has
24 a termination date of June 30, 1983.

25 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1979.

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