

1 AN ACT concerning speech pathologists.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
5 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 8.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

9 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a
10 speech-language pathology assistant.

11 (a) A person is qualified to be licensed as a
12 speech-language pathology assistant if that person has
13 applied in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, has
14 paid the required fees, and meets both of the following
15 criteria:

16 (1) Is of good moral character. In determining
17 moral character, the Department may take into
18 consideration any felony conviction of the applicant, but
19 such a conviction shall not operate automatically as a
20 complete bar to licensure.

21 (2) Has received an associate degree from a
22 speech-language pathology assistant program that has been
23 approved by the Department and that meets the minimum
24 requirements set forth in Section 8.6.

25 (b) Until January 1, 2004, a person holding a bachelor's
26 level degree in communication disorders who was employed to
27 assist a speech-language pathologist on the effective date of
28 this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly shall be
29 eligible to receive a license as a speech-language pathology
30 assistant from the Department upon completion of forms
31 prescribed by the Department and the payment of the required

1 fee.

2 (c) Until September 30, 2003, a person who has practiced
3 for a minimum of 5 years as a program assistant for speech
4 and language in any public or private elementary or secondary
5 school in Illinois shall be eligible to receive a license as
6 a speech-language pathology assistant from the Department
7 upon completion of forms prescribed by the Department and the
8 payment of the required fee.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.