

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

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 2 as  
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 7902)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

9 Sec. 2. Legislative Declaration of Public Policy. The  
10 practice of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in the  
11 State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public  
12 health, safety and welfare and to be subject to regulation and  
13 control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a  
14 matter of public interest and concern that the speech-language  
15 pathology and audiology professions merit and receive the  
16 confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be  
17 permitted to practice this profession in the State of Illinois.  
18 This Act must ~~shall~~ be liberally construed to carry out these  
19 objectives and purposes.

20 It is further declared to be the public policy of this  
21 State, pursuant to subsections (h) and (i) of Section 6 of  
22 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, that any  
23 power or function set forth in this Act to be exercised by the  
24 State is an exclusive State power or function. Such power or  
25 function shall not be exercised concurrently, either directly  
26 or indirectly, by any unit of local government, including home  
27 rule units, except as otherwise provided in this Act.

28 (Source: P.A. 85-1391.)