

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Sections 3, 4, 5,  
6 7.1, and 8 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 7903)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

9 Sec. 3. Definitions. The following words and phrases shall  
10 have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 (a) "Department" means the Department of Professional  
13 Regulation.

14 (b) "Director" means the Director of Professional  
15 Regulation.

16 (c) "Board" means the Board of Speech-Language Pathology  
17 and Audiology established under Section 5 of this Act.

18 (d) "Speech-Language Pathologist" means a person who has  
19 received a license pursuant to this Act and who engages in the  
20 practice of speech-language pathology.

21 (e) "Audiologist" means a person who has received a license  
22 pursuant to this Act and who engages in the practice of  
23 audiology.

24 (f) "Public member" means a person who is not a health  
25 professional. For purposes of board membership, any person with  
26 a significant financial interest in a health service or  
27 profession is not a public member.

28 (g) "The practice of audiology" is the application of  
29 nonmedical methods and procedures for the identification,  
30 measurement, testing, appraisal, prediction, habilitation,  
31 rehabilitation, or instruction related to hearing and  
32 disorders of hearing. These procedures are for the purpose of

1 counseling, consulting and rendering or offering to render  
2 services or for participating in the planning, directing or  
3 conducting of programs that are designed to modify  
4 communicative disorders involving speech, language or auditory  
5 function related to hearing loss. The practice of audiology may  
6 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) any task, procedure, act, or practice that is  
8 necessary for the evaluation of hearing or vestibular  
9 function;

10 (2) training in the use of amplification devices,  
11 ~~including hearing aids~~;

12 (3) the fitting, dispensing, or servicing of hearing  
13 instruments; and

14 (4) ~~(3)~~ performing basic speech and language screening  
15 tests and procedures consistent with audiology training.

16 (h) "The practice of speech-language pathology" is the  
17 application of nonmedical methods and procedures for the  
18 identification, measurement, testing, appraisal, prediction,  
19 habilitation, rehabilitation, and modification related to  
20 communication development, and disorders or disabilities of  
21 speech, language, voice, swallowing, and other speech,  
22 language and voice related disorders. These procedures are for  
23 the purpose of counseling, consulting and rendering or offering  
24 to render services, or for participating in the planning,  
25 directing or conducting of programs that are designed to modify  
26 communicative disorders and conditions in individuals or  
27 groups of individuals involving speech, language, voice and  
28 swallowing function.

29 "The practice of speech-language pathology" shall include,  
30 but shall not be limited to, the following:

31 (1) hearing screening tests and aural rehabilitation  
32 procedures consistent with speech-language pathology  
33 training;

34 (2) tasks, procedures, acts or practices that are  
35 necessary for the evaluation of, and training in the use  
36 of, augmentative communication systems, communication

1 variation, cognitive rehabilitation, non-spoken language  
2 production and comprehension.

3 (i) "Speech-language pathology assistant" means a person  
4 who has received a license pursuant to this Act to assist a  
5 speech-language pathologist in the manner provided in this Act.  
6 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02.)

7 (225 ILCS 110/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 7904)

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

9 Sec. 4. Powers and duties of the Department. Subject to the  
10 provisions of this Act, the Department shall exercise the  
11 following functions, powers and duties:

12 (a) Conduct or authorize examinations to ascertain the  
13 fitness and qualifications of applicants for license and issue  
14 licenses to those who are found to be fit and qualified.

15 (b) Prescribe rules and regulations for a method of  
16 examination of candidates.

17 (c) Prescribe rules and regulations defining what shall  
18 constitute an approved school, college or department of a  
19 university, except that no school, college or department of a  
20 university that refuses admittance to applicants solely on  
21 account of race, color, creed, sex or national origin shall be  
22 approved.

23 (d) Conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke, suspend, or  
24 refusal to issue such licenses.

25 (e) Promulgate rules and regulations required for the  
26 administration of this Act.

27 (f) Discipline the supervisor of a graduate audiology or  
28 speech-language pathology student as provided in this Act for a  
29 violation by the graduate audiology or speech-language  
30 pathology student.

31 (Source: P.A. 91-932, eff. 1-1-01; 91-949, eff. 2-9-01.)

32 (225 ILCS 110/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 7905)

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

34 Sec. 5. Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

1 There is created a Board of Speech-Language Pathology and  
2 Audiology to be composed of persons designated from time to  
3 time by the Director, as follows:

4 (a) Five persons, 2 of whom have been licensed  
5 speech-language pathologists for a period of 5 years or  
6 more, 2 of whom have been licensed audiologists for a  
7 period of 5 years or more, and one public member. The board  
8 shall annually elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.

9 (b) Terms for all members shall be for 3 years. Partial  
10 terms over 2 years in length shall be considered as full  
11 terms. A member may be reappointed for a successive term,  
12 but no member shall serve more than 2 full terms.

13 (c) The membership of the Board should reasonably  
14 reflect representation from the various geographic areas  
15 of the State.

16 (d) In making appointments to the Board, the Director  
17 shall give due consideration to recommendations by  
18 organizations of the speech-language pathology and  
19 audiology professions in Illinois, including the Illinois  
20 Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Illinois  
21 Academy of Audiology, and shall promptly give due notice to  
22 such organizations of any vacancy in the membership of the  
23 Board. The Director may terminate the appointment of any  
24 member for any cause, which in the opinion of the Director,  
25 reasonably justifies such termination.

26 (e) A majority of the Board members currently appointed  
27 shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the membership of  
28 the Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to  
29 exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the  
30 Board.

31 (f) The members of the Board shall each receive as  
32 compensation a reasonable sum as determined by the Director  
33 for each day actually engaged in the duties of the office,  
34 and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in  
35 attending the meetings of the Board.

36 (g) Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in

1 any action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other  
2 activities performed in good faith as members of the Board.

3 (h) The Director may consider the recommendations of  
4 the Board in establishing guidelines for professional  
5 conduct, the conduct of formal disciplinary proceedings  
6 brought under this Act, and qualifications of applicants.  
7 Notice of proposed rulemaking shall be transmitted to the  
8 Board and the Department shall review the response of the  
9 Board and any recommendations made in the response. The  
10 Department, at any time, may seek the expert advice and  
11 knowledge of the Board on any matter relating to the  
12 administration or enforcement of this Act.

13 (i) Whenever the Director is satisfied that  
14 substantial justice has not been done either in an  
15 examination or in the revocation, suspension, or refusal of  
16 a license, or other disciplinary action relating to a  
17 license, the Director may order a reexamination or  
18 rehearing.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-69, eff. 7-8-97.)

20 (225 ILCS 110/7.1)

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

22 Sec. 7.1. Graduate audiology students. ~~Full-time~~ Graduate  
23 students enrolled in a program of audiology in an accredited  
24 college or university may engage in the dispensing of hearing  
25 instruments as a part of a program of audiology without a  
26 license under the supervision of an audiologist licensed under  
27 this Act.

28 The supervisor and the supervisor's employer shall be  
29 jointly and severally liable for any acts of the student  
30 relating to the practice of fitting or dispensing hearing  
31 instruments as defined in the rules promulgated under this Act.

32 (Source: P.A. 91-932, eff. 1-1-01.)

33 (225 ILCS 110/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 7908)

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

1           Sec. 8. Qualifications for licenses to practice  
2 speech-language pathology or audiology. The Department shall  
3 require that each applicant for a license to practice  
4 speech-language pathology or audiology shall:

5           (a) (Blank);

6           (b) be at least 21 years of age;

7           (c) not have violated any provisions of Section 16 of  
8 this Act;

9           (d) present satisfactory evidence of receiving a  
10 master's or doctoral degree in speech-language pathology  
11 or audiology from a program approved by the Department.  
12 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any  
13 program from establishing higher standards than specified  
14 in this Act;

15           (e) pass a national ~~an~~ examination recognized  
16 ~~authorized~~ by the Department in the theory and practice of  
17 the profession, ~~provided that the Department may recognize~~  
18 ~~a certificate granted by the American~~  
19 ~~Speech Language Hearing Association in lieu of such~~  
20 ~~examination; and~~

21           (f) for a license as a speech-language pathologist,  
22 have completed the equivalent of 9 months of ~~full-time,~~  
23 supervised ~~professional~~ experience; ~~and-~~

24           (g) for a license as an audiologist, have completed a  
25 minimum of 1,500 clock hours of supervised experience.

26 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to  
27 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
28 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the  
29 fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet  
30 the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

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

32           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
33 becoming law.