

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0098

Speech pathologists licensing.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, K., Lubnau and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; amending
2 the licensing act for speech pathologists and audiologists;
3 making the act applicable to persons practicing through
4 telephonic or other remote means; amending educational
5 requirements for licenses as specified; repealing obsolete
6 provisions; repealing authorization for temporary
7 unlicensed practice; providing for a provisional license;
8 amending license renewal requirements; amending maximum
9 fines for violations; and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-33-103 by creating a new
14 subsection (c), 33-33-104(a)(v) and (vi), 33-33-105(a)(i),
15 33-33-303 by creating a new subsection (d), 33-33-306(b)
16 and 33-33-308 are amended to read:

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33-33-103. Persons and practices affected.

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(c) The provision of speech pathology or audiology services in this state, through telephonic, electronic or other means, regardless of the location of the speech pathologist or audiologist, shall constitute the practice of speech pathology or audiology and shall require licensure as provided in this chapter.

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33-33-104. Persons and practices not affected.

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(a) Nothing in this chapter prevents or restricts:

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(vi) The activities and services of persons fulfilling the clinical experience requirement of W.S. 33-33-201(d), if such activities and services constitute a

1 part of the experience required for that section's
2 fulfillment. ~~er~~

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4 **33-33-105. Eligibility for licensing.**

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6 (a) To be eligible for licensing by the board as a
7 speech pathologist or audiologist, a person shall:

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9 (i) Possess at least a master's degree ~~er-its~~
10 ~~equivalent~~ in the area of speech pathology or audiology
11 from an educational institution recognized by the board.
12 Effective July 1, 2008, all new applicants for audiology
13 licensing shall possess at least a doctor of audiology
14 degree from an educational institution recognized by the
15 board;

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17 **33-33-303. Waiver of examination or parts thereof.**

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19 (d) The board may issue a provisional license to
20 practice for twelve (12) months and renewal for one (1)
21 additional period of twelve (12) months, to an applicant
22 who has obtained clinical fellowship year status, subject
23 to the following:

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1 (i) The applicant has completed all requirements
2 for licensure except for the clinical experience
3 requirement;

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5 (ii) The applicant has a written agreement with
6 an individual licensed pursuant to this chapter to serve as
7 the applicant's supervisor for the clinical fellowship
8 year;

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10 (iii) The applicant is seeking or has accepted
11 employment in Wyoming as a speech pathologist or
12 audiologist; and

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14 (iv) During the clinical fellowship year,
15 continues to meet all other requirements for continued
16 licensure as provided in this chapter and in rules and
17 regulations promulgated by the board, including applicable
18 continuing education requirements.

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20 **33-33-306. Renewal of license.**

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22 (b) Every person licensed under this act shall
23 annually, on or before December 31, ~~1976, and each year~~
24 ~~thereafter,~~ pay a license renewal fee ~~for renewal of~~

1 ~~license~~ to the board. The board may, in the event payment
2 of the renewal fee is rendered after December 31 of any
3 given year, renew a license upon payment of the renewal of
4 license fee plus a late renewal ~~payment penalty, which~~
5 ~~penalty shall equal the amount~~ fee prescribed by the board.
6 ~~and shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00).~~ No person who
7 requests renewal of an expired license, ~~whose license has~~
8 ~~expired,~~ shall be required to submit to examination as a
9 condition to renewal, ~~if such~~ renewal application is made
10 within two (2) years from the date of such expiration.
11 Renewal applications shall include proof that the applicant
12 has complied with any continuing education requirements, as
13 prescribed by rule and regulation of the board, accruing
14 during the time the license was expired.

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16 **33-33-308. Penalties.**

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18 Any person who violates any provision of this act is guilty
19 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a
20 fine of not more than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ seven
21 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or imprisoned in the county
22 jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-33-104(a)(vii), 33-33-303(a) and
2 33-33-306(c) are repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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