HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST LICENSING ACT

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the requirements for obtaining a license as a hearing instrument specialist and changes the repeal date of the Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act in the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies the requirements for obtaining a license as a hearing instrument specialist by changing the prerequisite hours of practice as a hearing instrument intern from 4,000 hours to 2,000 hours;
- changes the repeal date of Title 58, Chapter 46a, Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act in the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2023; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-46a-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

58-46a-302.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 50

63I-1-258, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 82, 234, and 349

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-46a-302** is amended to read:

58-46a-302. Qualifications for licensure.

(1) Each applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument specialist shall:

33 (a) submit to the division an application in a form prescribed by the division;
34 (b) pay a fee as determined by the division pursuant to Section 63J-1-504;
35 (c) be of good moral character;
36 (d) (i) have successfully completed [~~4,000~~] 2,000 hours of practice as a hearing
37 instrument intern within the state under supervision by a supervising hearing instrument
38 specialist in accordance with Section 58-46a-302.5 or an equivalent as approved by the
39 division; or
40 (ii) demonstrate successful practice for the equivalent of two years of full-time practice
41 as a licensed hearing instrument specialist in another state requiring licensure and practice in
42 conformity with defined lawful and professional standards of practice;
43 (e) have qualified for and currently hold board certification by the National Board for
44 Certification - Hearing Instrument Sciences, or an equivalent certification approved by the
45 division in collaboration with the board;
46 (f) have passed the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Hearing Instrument
47 Specialists; and
48 (g) if the applicant holds a hearing instrument intern license, surrender the hearing
49 instrument intern license at the time of licensure as a hearing instrument specialist.
50 (2) Each applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument intern shall:
51 (a) submit to the division an application in a form prescribed by the division;
52 (b) pay a fee as determined by the division pursuant to Section 63J-1-504;
53 (c) be of good moral character;
54 (d) have passed the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Hearing Instrument
55 Specialists; and
56 (e) present evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the applicant, when
57 licensed, will practice as a hearing instrument intern only under supervision of a supervising
58 hearing instrument specialist as required under Subsection (1)(d).
59 Section 2. Section **58-46a-302.5** is amended to read:
60 **58-46a-302.5. Supervision requirements -- Hearing instrument interns.**
61 (1) A hearing instrument intern shall complete [~~4,000~~] 2,000 supervised hours of
62 practice as a hearing instrument specialist intern.
63 (2) The [~~4,000~~] 2,000 hours required in Subsection (1) shall be under the direct

64 supervision of a licensed hearing instrument specialist, until the intern:
65 (a) receives a passing score on a practical examination demonstrating acceptable skills
66 in the area of hearing testing as approved by the division in collaboration with the board; and
67 (b) completes the National Institute for Hearing instrument studies education and
68 examination program, or an equivalent college level program as approved by the division in
69 collaboration with the board.
70 (3) Upon satisfaction of the direct supervision requirement of Subsection (2) the intern
71 shall:
72 (a) complete the balance of the [~~4,000~~] 2,000 supervised hours under indirect
73 supervision; and
74 (b) receive a passing score on the International Licensing Examination of the hearing
75 instrument dispenser or other tests approved by the division.
76 Section 3. Section **63I-1-258** is amended to read:
77 **63I-1-258. Repeal dates, Title 58.**
78 (1) Title 58, Chapter 9, Funeral Services Licensing Act, is repealed July 1, 2018.
79 (2) Title 58, Chapter 13, Health Care Providers Immunity from Liability Act, is
80 repealed July 1, 2016.
81 (3) Title 58, Chapter 15, Health Facility Administrator Act, is repealed July 1, 2015.
82 (4) Section 58-17b-309.5 is repealed July 1, 2015.
83 (5) Title 58, Chapter 20a, Environmental Health Scientist Act, is repealed July 1, 2013.
84 (6) Title 58, Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2023.
85 (7) Title 58, Chapter 41, Speech-language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, is
86 repealed July 1, 2019.
87 (8) Title 58, Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2015.
88 (9) Title 58, Chapter 46a, Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act, is repealed July
89 1, [~~2013~~] 2023.
90 (10) Title 58, Chapter 47b, Massage Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2014.
91 (11) Section 58-69-302.5 is repealed on July 1, 2015.
92 (12) Title 58, Chapter 72, Acupuncture Licensing Act, is repealed July 1, 2017.
93 (13) Section 58-13-2.5 is repealed July 1, 2013.