

Representative Don L. Ipson proposes the following substitute bill:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

LICENSING ACT AMENDMENTS

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson

Senate Sponsor: Stephen H. Urquhart

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of Title 58, Chapter 41, Speech-language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, related to licensing requirements and temporary licenses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies and modifies licensing requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists;
- ▶ provides for the issuance of temporary licenses to individuals who have completed licensing requirements for an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, except for the clinical fellowship year;
- ▶ provides a grandfathering provision; and
- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 AMENDS:

27 **58-41-5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

28 ENACTS:

29 **58-41-5.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30 REPEALS:

31 **58-41-7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1989, Chapter 207



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

34 Section 1. Section **58-41-5** is amended to read:

35 **58-41-5. Licensure requirements.**

36 (1) To obtain and maintain a license as ~~[a speech-language pathologist or]~~ an
37 audiologist beginning July 1, 2010, ~~[the]~~ an applicant must:

38 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) submit a completed application in the form and content prescribed by the
39 division and pay a fee to the department in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

40 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) be of good moral character;

41 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) provide the committee with verification~~[-(a) from the educational institutions~~
42 ~~involved,]~~ that the applicant is the legal holder of a clinical doctor's ~~[or master's]~~ degree, AuD,
43 ~~[or its equivalent in the area of speech-language pathology, speech science, or]~~ in audiology,
44 from an accredited university or college, based on a program of studies primarily in the field of
45 ~~[speech-language pathology, speech sciences, or]~~ audiology; ~~[and]~~

46 ~~[(b) that the applicant has had training and experience in treating and managing the~~
47 ~~major communication disabilities identified in speech-language pathology or audiology;]~~

48 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) be in compliance with the regulations of conduct and codes of ethics for the
49 profession of ~~[speech-language pathology and]~~ audiology;

50 ~~[(5)]~~ (e) submit to the board certified evidence of having completed at least one year of
51 professional experience ~~[(f), at least 30 hours per week for an academic year[)],]~~ of direct clinical
52 experience in treatment and management of patients~~[-That treatment and management shall~~
53 ~~be],]~~ supervised and attested to by one holding ~~[a]~~ an audiologist license under this chapter, the
54 CCC, or their full equivalent; and

55 ~~[(6) submit transcripts to the board from the educational institutions involved,~~
56 ~~indicating a doctor's or master's degree from an accredited program or satisfactory completion~~

57 of at least 90 quarter hours in speech or hearing disorders, of which at least 50 shall be for
58 graduate level credit. No less than nine and no more than 12 quarter hours shall be in basic and
59 clinical audiology for persons applying for the license in speech-language pathology. No less
60 than nine and no more than 12 quarter hours shall be in basic and functional speech-language
61 pathology for persons applying for a license in audiology. No more than three-quarter hours
62 shall be in thesis or student research; and]

63 [~~(7)~~] (f) pass a nationally standardized examination in [~~speech-language pathology or~~
64 audiology which is the same as or equivalent to the examination required for the CCC and with
65 pass-fail criteria equivalent to current ASHA standards[~~—The~~], and the board may[~~—in its~~
66 ~~discretion;~~] require [~~an~~] the applicant to pass an acceptable practical demonstration of clinical
67 skills to an examining committee of licensed [~~speech-language pathologists~~] audiologists
68 appointed by the board.

69 (2) To obtain and maintain a license as an audiologist prior to July 1, 2010, an
70 applicant shall:

71 (a) comply with Subsections (1)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f); and

72 (b) provide the committee with verification that the applicant has received at least a
73 master's degree in the area of audiology from an accredited university or college, based on a
74 program of studies primarily in the field of audiology.

75 (3) An individual who, prior to July 1, 2010, is licensed as an audiologist under this
76 chapter is, on or after July 1, 2010, considered to hold a current license under this chapter as an
77 audiologist and is subject to this chapter.

78 (4) To obtain and maintain a license as a speech-language pathologist, an applicant
79 must:

80 (a) comply with Subsections (1)(a) and (b);

81 (b) provide the committee with verification that the applicant has received at least a
82 master's degree in speech-language pathology from an accredited university or college, based
83 on a program of studies primarily in the field of speech-language pathology;

84 (c) be in compliance with the regulations of conduct and code of ethics for the
85 profession of speech-language pathology;

86 (d) comply with Subsection (1)(e), except that the supervision and attestation
87 requirement shall be from a licensed speech-language pathologist rather than a licensed

88 audiologist; and

89 (e) pass a nationally standardized examination in speech-language pathology which is
90 the same as or equivalent to the examination required for the CCC and with pass-fail criteria
91 equivalent to current ASHA standards, and the board may require the applicant to pass an
92 acceptable practical demonstration of clinical skills to an examining committee of licensed
93 speech-language pathologists appointed by the board.

94 Section 2. Section **58-41-5.5** is enacted to read:

95 **58-41-5.5. Temporary licenses.**

96 (1) (a) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for an audiology
97 license who:

98 (i) has obtained a master's or doctorate degree in audiology prior to July 1, 2010, or a
99 clinical doctorate degree in audiology, AuD, after June 30, 2010; and

100 (ii) is practicing audiology in a year of clinical fellowship.

101 (b) The temporary license is valid for up to 12 months.

102 (2) (a) The division may issue a temporary license to an applicant for a
103 speech-language pathology license who:

104 (i) has completed all requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist under
105 this chapter, except for Subsection (4)(d); and

106 (ii) is practicing speech-language pathology in a year of clinical fellowship.

107 (b) The temporary license is valid for up to 12 months.

108 Section 3. **Repealer.**

109 This bill repeals:

110 Section **58-41-7, Waiver of specified licensure requirements -- Conditions.**

Fiscal Note**H.B. 396 1st Sub. (Buff) - Speech-language Pathology and Audiology
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State Impact

The bill will generate \$6,600 in annual license revenues against expenses of \$1,000. Commerce Service Fund revenues and expenditures affect the annual transfer to the General Fund.

	<u>FY 2010 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2011 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2012 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2011 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2012 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,600	\$5,600
Commerce Service Fund	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$6,600	\$6,600

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.