

1                   **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSE AMENDMENTS**

2                                   2015 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                           **Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This bill modifies the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11       This bill:

12           ▶ modifies the qualifications for an individual to get a license as an occupational  
13 therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15       None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17       This bill provides a coordination clause.

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20       **58-42a-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

22       **58-42a-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

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

25       Section 1. Section **58-42a-302** is amended to read:

26       **58-42a-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

27       (1) All applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist shall:

28       (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

29       (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section **63J-1-504**;

30 (c) be of good moral character as it relates to the functions and responsibilities of the  
31 practice of occupational therapy;

32 (d) graduate with a bachelors or graduate degree in occupational therapy from a  
33 program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; and

34 (e) be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as an  
35 occupational therapist registered.

36 (2) All applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist assistant shall:

37 (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

38 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section [63J-1-504](#);

39 (c) be of good moral character as it relates to the functions and responsibilities of the  
40 practice of occupational therapy;

41 (d) graduate with a two-year associate degree in occupational therapy from a program  
42 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; and

43 (e) be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as a  
44 certified occupational therapist assistant.

45 (3) Notwithstanding the other requirements of this section, the division may issue a  
46 license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant to an applicant who:

47 (a) meets the requirements of receiving a license by endorsement under Section  
48 [58-1-302](#); or

49 (b) has been licensed in a state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a foreign  
50 country, where the education, experience, or examination requirements are not substantially  
51 equal to the requirements of this state, if the applicant passes an examination approved by the  
52 division in consultation with the board.

53 **Section 2. Coordinating H.B. 194 with S.B. 131 -- Substantive and technical**  
54 **amendments.**

55 If this H.B. 194 and S.B. 131, Occupational Therapists Amendments, both pass and  
56 become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the amendments to Subsection  
57 [58-42a-302\(3\)\(b\)](#) in S.B. 131 supersede the amendments to Subsection [58-42a-302\(3\)\(b\)](#) in this

58 bill when the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepares the Utah Code  
59 database for publication.