

1 **HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST LICENSING**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2023 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

6 House Sponsor: A. Cory Maloy

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill addresses hearing instrument specialist licensing requirements.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ extends the sunset date for the Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act;
- 14 ▶ modifies licensing requirements for a hearing instrument intern who applies for
- 15 licensure as a hearing instrument specialist;
- 16 ▶ permits renewal of a license for a hearing instrument intern under certain
- 17 circumstances;
- 18 ▶ provides administrative rulemaking authority; and
- 19 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **58-46a-302.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 154

27 **58-46a-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 154

28 **63I-1-258**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 33, 415, and 416

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

31 Section 1. Section **58-46a-302.5** is amended to read:

32 **58-46a-302.5. Supervision requirements -- Hearing instrument interns.**

33 (1) [~~A~~] Except as provided in Subsection (2), a hearing instrument intern [shall] may
34 only practice as a hearing instrument intern [only] under the direct supervision of a licensed
35 hearing instrument specialist[; until the intern:].

36 (2) A hearing instrument intern may practice under the indirect supervision of a
37 licensed hearing instrument specialist if the hearing instrument specialist:

38 (a) receives a passing score on a practical examination demonstrating acceptable skills
39 in the area of hearing testing as approved by the division by rule made in accordance with Title
40 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

41 (b) completes the National Institute for Hearing instrument studies education and
42 examination program, or an equivalent college level program as approved by the division by
43 rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

44 [~~(2) Upon satisfaction of the direct supervision requirement of Subsection (1) the intern~~
45 ~~shall:]~~

46 [~~(a) practice as a hearing instrument intern only under the indirect supervision of a~~
47 ~~licensed hearing instrument specialist; and]~~

48 [~~(b) receive a passing score on the International Licensing Examination of the hearing~~
49 ~~instrument dispenser or other tests approved by the division prior to applying for licensure as a~~
50 ~~hearing instrument specialist.]~~

51 Section 2. Section **58-46a-303** is amended to read:

52 **58-46a-303. Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal of specialist and intern**
53 **licenses.**

54 (1) (a) (i) The division shall issue [~~each~~] a license for a hearing instrument specialist in
55 accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule made in accordance with Title
56 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

57 (ii) The division may by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

58 Administrative Rulemaking Act, extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to
59 stagger the renewal cycles [it] the division administers.

60 [~~2~~] Each license as a hearing instrument intern shall be issued for a term of three years
61 and may not be renewed.]

62 [~~3~~] (b) At the time of renewal, the licensed hearing instrument specialist shall
63 demonstrate satisfactory evidence of each of the following:

64 [~~a~~] (i) current certification by the National Board for Certification Hearing Instrument
65 Sciences, or other acceptable certification approved by the division by rule made in accordance
66 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

67 [~~b~~] (ii) calibration of all appropriate technical instruments used in practice; and

68 [~~c~~] (iii) completion of continuing professional education required in Section
69 58-46a-304.

70 [~~4~~ Each] (c) A hearing instrument specialist license automatically expires on the
71 expiration date shown on the license unless renewed by the licensee in accordance with [the
72 provisions of] Section 58-1-308[;] or [unless] surrendered in accordance with [the provisions
73 of] Section 58-1-306.

74 (2) (a) The division shall issue a license for a hearing instrument intern for a term of
75 three years.

76 (b) The division may renew a license for a hearing instrument intern for a term of three
77 years for good cause shown, as determined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter
78 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

79 Section 3. Section 63I-1-258 is amended to read:

80 **63I-1-258. Repeal dates: Title 58.**

81 (1) Section 58-3a-201, which creates the Architects Licensing Board, is repealed July
82 1, 2026.

83 (2) Title 58, Chapter 13, Health Care Providers Immunity from Liability Act, is
84 repealed July 1, 2026.

85 (3) Title 58, Chapter 15, Health Facility Administrator Act, is repealed July 1, 2025.

86 (4) Title 58, Chapter 20b, Environmental Health Scientist Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.

87 (5) Subsection 58-37-6(7)(f)(iii), relating to the seven-day opiate supply restriction, is
88 repealed July 1, 2032, and the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel is
89 authorized to renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

90 (6) Title 58, Chapter 40, Recreational Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2033.

91 (7) Title 58, Chapter 41, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, is
92 repealed July 1, 2029.

93 (8) Title 58, Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2025.

94 (9) Title 58, Chapter 46a, Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensing Act, is repealed July
95 1, [2023] 2033.

96 (10) Title 58, Chapter 47b, Massage Therapy Practice Act, is repealed July 1, 2024.

97 (11) Subsection 58-55-201(2), which creates the Alarm System and Security Licensing
98 Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2027.

99 (12) Subsection 58-60-405(3), regarding certain educational qualifications for licensure
100 and reporting, is repealed July 1, 2032.

101 (13) Title 58, Chapter 61, Part 7, Behavior Analyst Licensing Act, is repealed July 1,
102 2026.

103 (14) Title 58, Chapter 72, Acupuncture Licensing Act, is repealed July 1, 2027.

104 [~~(15) The following sections are repealed July 1, 2022:~~]

105 [~~(a) Section 58-5a-502;~~]

106 [~~(b) Section 58-31b-502.5;~~]

107 [~~(c) Section 58-67-502.5;~~]

108 [~~(d) Section 58-68-502.5; and~~]

109 [~~(e) Section 58-69-502.5;~~]