
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 867 by Representative Henry

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2651(1), (3), (7)(a) and (g), and 2662(C)(introductory
4 paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 37:2651(13), (14), and (15) and 2660(4), and to
5 repeal R.S. 37:2651(7)(b), (e), and (f), relative to the practice of speech-language
6 pathology"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 2

8 On page 1, line 3, after "definitions;" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "to provide for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure; to discipline a
11 licensee; to waive certain requirements for licensure; and to provide for related
12 matters."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 3

14 On page 1, delete line 4 in its entirety

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 1, delete line 6 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof "Section 1. R.S. 37:2651(1),
17 (3), (7)(a) and (g), and 2662(C)(introductory paragraph) and (3) are hereby amended and
18 reenacted and R.S. 37:2651(13), (14), and (15) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 5

20 On page 1, line 12, delete "speech-language pathology, and"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 6

22 On page 1, at the end of line 13, add "as defined by the United States Food and Drug
23 Administration"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 7

25 On page 1, after line 15, add the following:

26 "(3) "Licensed audiologist" means an individual who meets the qualifications
27 for licensure as an audiologist ~~under R.S. 37:2659(A)~~ in accordance with this
28 Chapter and who holds a current, unsuspended, and unrevoked license issued by the
29 board. ~~Unless otherwise specified, "licensed audiologist" shall not mean a person~~
30 ~~who has a provisional or restricted license issued under this Chapter.~~

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32 (7)(a) "Practice of audiology" means providing, or offering to provide, to
33 individuals or groups of individuals who have, or are suspected of having, disorders
34 of the auditory system, any service in audiology, including prevention, identification,
35 evaluation, interpretation, counseling, consultation, habilitation, rehabilitation,
36 instruction, supervision, and research. The practice of audiology shall also include

1 audiology services for disorders of the vestibular system upon referral of a physician.
2 An audiologist may engage in any task, procedure, act, or practice that is necessary
3 including but not limited to any of the following:

4 (i) ~~For the evaluation~~ Evaluation of hearing and the monitoring of neural
5 functioning.

6 (ii) ~~For training~~ Training in the use of amplification, including hearing aids
7 and assistive listening devices.

8 (iii) ~~For the making~~ Making of earmolds.

9 (iv) ~~For the fitting,~~ Fitting, dispensing, and selling of hearing aids.

10 (v) Conducting speech and language screening limited to a pass or fail
11 determination for the purpose of identifying and referring individuals suspected of
12 having disorders of communication.

13 (vi) Managing of cerumen which refers to the removal of wax-like secretions
14 from the cartilaginous portion of the external ear in otherwise healthy ears.

15 (vii) Any basic health screening with a referral to an appropriate healthcare
16 professional.

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18 (g) ~~The practice of audiology may include speech and language screening,~~
19 ~~limited to a pass/fail determination for the purpose of identifying and referring~~
20 ~~individuals suspected of having disorders of communication. A licensed audiologist~~
21 ~~who fits and sells hearing aids shall follow rules adopted by the board regarding~~
22 ~~hearing aid trial periods.~~

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24 (13) "Over the counter hearing aid" means a hearing instrument or hearing
25 aid that meets the United States Food and Drug Administration's requirements for
26 this class of device and which may be dispensed or sold without a hearing
27 assessment, licensed hearing instrument professional fitting and dispensing
28 engagement, or returned for credit privileges as provided by federal law.

29 (14) "Personal sound amplification product" means an amplification device,
30 as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration or Federal Trade
31 Commission, that is not labeled as a hearing aid and is not intended to treat hearing
32 loss.

33 (15) "Prescription hearing aid" means a hearing instrument or hearing aid
34 that meets the United States Food and Drug Administration's requirements for this
35 class of device and requires a hearing assessment and prescription prior to purchase
36 and a prescribed fitting and dispensing by a licensed audiologist or hearing
37 instrument professional.

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39 §2660. Waiver of requirements; reciprocity

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41 (4) The board may waive clinical practicum requirements of this Chapter for
42 applicants who hold a certification from the American Board of Audiology and have
43 completed the national examination requirement.

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45 §2662. Disciplinary action

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47 C. ~~When the board is authorized to discipline an individual, the~~ The board
48 may impose, separately or in combination, any of the following disciplinary actions:

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50 (3) Require restitution of costs and expenses, ~~not to include attorney fees,~~ in
51 connection with the enforcement of this Chapter.

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53 Section 2. R.S. 37:2651(7)(b), (e), and (f) are hereby repealed in their entirety."

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.