

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 811**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 17609 (MCL 333.17609), as amended by 2010 PA
304.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 17609. (1) The department shall, upon submission of a
2 completed application and payment of the appropriate application
3 processing and license fee, issue a license under this part to the
4 following:

5 (a) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (2)
6 or (3).

7 (b) An individual who possesses a master's or doctor of
8 science or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology



1 acceptable to the board, who has successfully completed an
2 accredited speech-language pathology training program approved by
3 the department and the board that has at least 9 months, or the
4 equivalent, of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical
5 experience in speech-language pathology, and who passes an
6 examination acceptable to the board.

7 (2) A certified teacher who, on January 12, 2009, was endorsed
8 in the area of speech and language impairment for the sole purpose
9 of providing services as a part of employment or contract with a
10 school district, intermediate school district, nonpublic school, or
11 state department that provides educational services is eligible for
12 a license under this part. An individual who meets the requirements
13 of this subsection shall first apply for a license on or before the
14 expiration of 2 years after the effective date of the rules
15 promulgated under this part. An individual who obtains a license
16 under this subsection is eligible for renewal of that license under
17 this part if he or she continues to meet the requirements of this
18 subsection.

19 (3) An individual who, on January 12, 2009, has the credential
20 conferred by the American ~~speech-language-hearing association~~
21 **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** as a certified speech-language
22 pathologist is eligible for a license under this part. An
23 individual who meets the requirements of this subsection and who
24 maintains the credential conferred by the American ~~speech-language-~~
25 ~~hearing association~~ **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** or a
26 successor credential conferred by its successor organization shall
27 first apply for a license on or before the expiration of 2 years
28 after the effective date of the rules promulgated under this part.
29 An individual who obtains a license under this subsection is



1 eligible for renewal of that license under this part if he or she
2 continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

3 (4) An individual may apply for a temporary license under this
4 subsection for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate
5 clinical experience. The department shall issue a temporary license
6 under this subsection for a period not to exceed ~~12-24~~ months. **A**
7 **temporary license issued under this subsection may be renewed for 3**
8 **additional 12-month terms if the applicant continues to meet the**
9 **requirements of this subsection.** An individual seeking a temporary
10 license under this subsection shall obtain a temporary license
11 before beginning the supervised postgraduate clinical experience.
12 At the conclusion of the postgraduate clinical experience, the
13 individual's supervisor shall sign and submit to the department a
14 report that documents the individual's satisfactory completion of
15 the supervised postgraduate clinical experience. To be eligible for
16 a temporary license under this subsection, an applicant ~~shall~~**must**
17 meet all of the following requirements:

18 (a) Possess a master's or doctor of science or doctor of
19 philosophy degree in speech-language pathology acceptable to the
20 board. An applicant shall have his or her academic transcripts
21 provided directly to the department by the academic institution.

22 (b) Submit a plan for supervised postgraduate clinical
23 experience on a form approved by the board and signed by a licensed
24 professional who will provide supervision.

