

SENATE BILL NO. 811

January 12, 2022, Introduced by Senators VANDERWALL, DALEY and MCCANN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

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:

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

3 (b) An individual who possesses a master's or doctor of
4 science or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology
5 acceptable to the board, who has successfully completed an
6 accredited speech-language pathology training program approved by
7 the department and the board that has at least 9 months, or the
8 equivalent, of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical
9 experience in speech-language pathology, and who passes an
10 examination acceptable to the board.

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

23 (3) An individual who, on January 12, 2009, has the credential
24 conferred by the American ~~speech-language-hearing association~~
25 **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** as a certified speech-language
26 pathologist is eligible for a license under this part. An
27 individual who meets the requirements of this subsection and who
28 maintains the credential conferred by the American ~~speech-language-~~
29 ~~hearing association~~ **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** or a

1 successor credential conferred by its successor organization shall
2 first apply for a license on or before the expiration of 2 years
3 after the effective date of the rules promulgated under this part.
4 An individual who obtains a license under this subsection is
5 eligible for renewal of that license under this part if he or she
6 continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

7 (4) An individual may apply for a temporary license under this
8 subsection for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate
9 clinical experience. The department shall issue a temporary license
10 under this subsection for a period not to exceed ~~12~~**24** months. **An**
11 **individual who obtains a temporary license under this subsection is**
12 **eligible for 1 or more 6-month extensions of that temporary license**
13 **if he or she continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.**

14 An individual seeking a temporary license under this subsection
15 shall obtain a temporary license before beginning the supervised
16 postgraduate clinical experience. At the conclusion of the
17 postgraduate clinical experience, the individual's supervisor shall
18 sign and submit to the department a report that documents the
19 individual's satisfactory completion of the supervised postgraduate
20 clinical experience. To be eligible for a temporary license under
21 this subsection, an applicant ~~shall~~**must** meet all of the following
22 requirements:

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

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