

ENROLLED ACT NO. 31, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2008 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; amending the licensing act for speech pathologists and audiologists; authorizing audiologists and speech pathologists licensed in other jurisdictions to provide consultation services in Wyoming through telephonic or other remote means; amending educational requirements for licenses as specified; repealing obsolete provisions; repealing authorization for temporary unlicensed practice; providing for a provisional license; amending license renewal requirements; amending maximum fines for violations; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 33-33-103 by creating a new subsection (c), 33-33-104(a)(v) and (vi), 33-33-105(a)(i), 33-33-303 by creating a new subsection (d), 33-33-306(b) and 33-33-308 are amended to read:

**33-33-103. Persons and practices affected.**

(c) The provision of speech pathology or audiology services in this state, through telephonic, electronic or other means, regardless of the location of the speech pathologist or audiologist, shall constitute the practice of speech pathology or audiology and shall require licensure as provided in this chapter, and a person located outside of this state providing speech pathology or audiology consultation services to any person in this state shall be appropriately licensed in the jurisdiction in which he is located.

**33-33-104. Persons and practices not affected.**

(a) Nothing in this chapter prevents or restricts:

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(v) The activities and services of a person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in audiology at a college or university, if such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised course of study and the person is designated audiology intern, audiology trainee or other title appropriate to his level of training; or

(vi) The activities and services of persons fulfilling the clinical experience requirement of W.S. 33-33-201(d), if such activities and services constitute a part of the experience required for that section's fulfillment. ~~.7-08~~

**33-33-105. Eligibility for licensing.**

(a) To be eligible for licensing by the board as a speech pathologist or audiologist, a person shall:

(i) Possess at least a master's degree or its equivalent in the area of speech pathology or audiology from an educational institution recognized by the board. Effective July 1, 2012, all new applicants for audiology licensing shall possess at least a doctor of audiology degree or master's degree in audiology or equivalent granted before July 1, 2012 from an educational institution recognized by the board;

**33-33-303. Waiver of examination or parts thereof.**

(d) The board may issue a provisional license to practice for twelve (12) months and renewal for one (1) additional period of twelve (12) months, to an applicant who has obtained clinical fellowship year status, subject to the following:

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(i) The applicant has completed all requirements for licensure except for the clinical experience requirement;

(ii) The applicant has a written agreement with an individual licensed pursuant to this chapter to serve as the applicant's supervisor for the clinical fellowship year;

(iii) The applicant is seeking or has accepted employment in Wyoming as a speech pathologist or audiologist; and

(iv) During the clinical fellowship year, the applicant continues to meet all other requirements for continued licensure as provided in this chapter and in rules and regulations promulgated by the board, including applicable continuing education requirements.

**33-33-306. Renewal of license.**

(b) Every person licensed under this act shall annually, on or before December 31, ~~1976, and each year thereafter,~~ pay a license renewal fee ~~for renewal of license~~ to the board. The board may, in the event payment of the renewal fee is rendered after December 31 of any given year, renew a license upon payment of the renewal of license fee plus a late renewal ~~payment penalty, which penalty shall equal the amount fee~~ prescribed by the board. ~~and shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00).~~ No person who requests renewal of an expired license, ~~whose license has expired,~~ shall be required to submit to examination as a condition to renewal, if ~~such~~ renewal application is made within two (2) years from the date of such expiration. Renewal applications shall include proof that the applicant has complied with any continuing education requirements, as

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prescribed by rule and regulation of the board, accruing during the time the license was expired.

**33-33-308. Penalties.**

Any person who violates any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

**Section 2.** W.S. 33-33-104(a)(vii), 33-33-303(a) and 33-33-306(c) are repealed.

**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk