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Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: Speech pathology and audiology.

Subject: Practice Act for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the term "speech pathologist" to "speech-language pathologist" throughout the Practice Act for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (Practice Act).
- The act specifies the duties that may be performed by speech-language pathology aids including assisting with clerical work and providing bilingual interpretation and translation for screening and assessment activities.
- The act defines "telepractice" as well as "speech-language pathology assistant" and specifies the duties that may be performed by speech-language pathology assistants including assisting with hearing screenings and documenting client performances.
- The act removes the requirement placed on the Board of Examiners of Speech Pathology and Audiology (Board) to establish and administer examinations of applicants for licensing under the Practice Act. The act instead authorizes the Board to approve examinations or waive the examination requirements for applicants to qualify for licensure.
- The act expands the list of persons eligible to serve on the Board to include any health care professional licensed under Wyoming Statutes, Title 33 and provides for a vice chairman of the Board.
- The act amends provisions related to suspending and revoking licenses and authorizes the Board to discipline a licensee or applicant on the grounds of knowingly submitting false or misleading information to the Board. The act authorizes the Board to assess part or all of the costs of the proceeding against a disciplined licensee.
- The act authorizes licensees whose licenses have lapsed for failure to renew to apply for relicensure pursuant to Board rules and regulations.
- The act modifies provisions related to fees and authorizes the Board to prescribe application fees and fees for examination, licensing, certification, specialty examination designation, renewal and other services in amounts determined by the Board.

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