
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPEECH PATHOLOGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is
2 experiencing a shortage of speech pathologists to serve in
3 medical settings. A likely contributor to this shortage is the
4 State's lack of a mechanism to allow for provisional licensure
5 of those individuals who are working towards a speech
6 pathologist license in a clinical fellowship while under the
7 supervision of a licensed speech pathologist. Without a
8 provisional license, these individuals who are pursuing a career
9 in speech pathology are unable to bill medicare and some other
10 insurance providers for the patient services provided under the
11 direct supervision of a speech pathologist. As such, there are
12 fewer opportunities for speech pathologist fellows to obtain the
13 training necessary to complete the statutory licensure
14 requirements, leading these individuals to go to other states
15 for their training.

16 The purpose of this Act is to allow qualified individuals
17 who are engaging in the clinical or academic practice of speech



1 pathology under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist
2 to obtain a provisional speech pathology license.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 468E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§468E- Provisional license. (a) The board shall
7 grant, upon application and payment of proper fees, provisional
8 licensure to an individual who:

- 9 (1) Possesses at a minimum a master's degree in the area
10 of speech pathology from an educational institution
11 recognized by the board; and
- 12 (2) Engages in clinical or academic practice under the
13 supervision of a licensed speech pathologist during
14 the period of time needed to fulfill the necessary
15 requirements for licensure as a speech pathologist
16 pursuant to section 468E-5; provided that the licensed
17 speech pathologist possesses an American Speech-
18 Language-Hearing Association certificate of clinical
19 competence and is in good standing with the board.
- 20 (b) Each provisional license shall include the name and
21 title of the licensed speech pathologist described in paragraph



1 (a) (2). A provisional licensee may only practice speech
2 pathology under the supervision of the licensed speech
3 pathologist named on the provisional license.

4 (c) A provisional license issued pursuant to this section
5 shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance and may be
6 renewed for an additional one year period if needed to fulfill
7 the requirements for licensure as a speech pathologist pursuant
8 to section 468E-5."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Speech Pathology; Speech Pathologists; Licensure; Provisional License

Description:

Establishes a provisional license for speech pathologists.
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