



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4863

by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 110/11

from Ch. 111, par. 7911

Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Provides that, at a minimum, the rules of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation regarding continuing education shall permit continuing education credits to be earned for: (1) verified attendance at lectures and scheduled courses or workshops at local, regional, national, or international conferences concerning speech-language pathology, audiology, or related disciplines if the lectures, scheduled courses, or workshops meet the criteria set forth in the Illinois Administrative Code; (2) verified attendance at lectures, workshops, or in-service programs concerning speech-language pathology, audiology, or related disciplines if the lectures, workshops, or in-service programs meet the criteria set forth in the Illinois Administrative Code; and (3) presentation before an audience of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, or related professionals at lectures, workshops, or in-service programs concerning speech-language pathology, audiology, or related disciplines if the lectures, workshops, or in-service programs meet the criteria set forth in the Illinois Administrative Code.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
5 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 11 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 7911)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 11. Expiration, renewal and restoration of licenses.

10 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each
11 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. A
12 speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology
13 assistant, or audiologist may renew such license during the
14 month preceding the expiration date thereof by paying the
15 required fee.

16 (a-5) An audiologist renewing his or her license shall
17 provide proof as determined by the Department of having met
18 the continuing education requirements set forth in the rules
19 of the Department. At a minimum, the rules shall require a
20 renewal applicant for licensure as an audiologist to provide
21 proof of completing at least 20 clock hours of continuing
22 education during the 2-year licensing cycle for which he or
23 she is currently licensed, no more than 10 hours of which may

1 be obtained through programs sponsored by hearing instrument
2 or auditory prosthetic device manufacturers. An audiologist
3 must provide proof that at least 2 clock hours of training in
4 ethics or legal requirements pertaining to the practice of
5 audiology was completed during the 2-year licensing cycle for
6 which he or she is currently licensed.

7 (a-10) A speech-language pathologist or a speech-language
8 pathology assistant renewing his or her license shall provide
9 proof as determined by the Department of having met the
10 continuing education requirements set forth in the rules of
11 the Department. At a minimum, the rules shall require a
12 renewal applicant for license as a speech-language pathologist
13 to provide proof of completing at least 20 clock hours of
14 continuing education during the 2-year licensing cycle for
15 which he or she is currently licensed. A speech language
16 pathologist must provide proof that at least one clock hour of
17 ethics training was completed during the 2-year licensing
18 cycle for which he or she is currently licensed. At a minimum,
19 the rules shall require a renewal applicant for licensure as a
20 speech-language pathology assistant to provide proof of
21 completing at least 10 clock hours of continuing education
22 during the 2-year period for which he or she currently holds a
23 license. At a minimum, the rules shall permit continuing
24 education credits to be earned for: (1) verified attendance at
25 lectures and scheduled courses or workshops at local,
26 regional, national, or international conferences concerning

1 speech-language pathology, audiology, or related disciplines
2 if the lectures, scheduled courses, or workshops meet the
3 criteria set forth in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1465.85 (c)(3)(A),
4 (B), and (C); (2) verified attendance at lectures, workshops,
5 or in-service programs concerning speech-language pathology,
6 audiology, or related disciplines if the lectures, workshops,
7 or in-service programs meet the criteria set forth in 68 Ill.
8 Adm. Code 1465.85 (c)(3)(A), (B), and (C); and (3)
9 presentation before an audience of speech-language
10 pathologists, audiologists, or related professionals at
11 lectures, workshops, or in-service programs concerning
12 speech-language pathology, audiology, or related disciplines
13 if the lectures, workshops, or in-service programs meet the
14 criteria set forth in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1465.85 (c)(3)(A),
15 (B), and (C).

16 (b) Inactive status.

17 (1) Any licensee who notifies the Department in
18 writing on forms prescribed by the Department may elect to
19 place his or her license on an inactive status and shall,
20 subject to rules of the Department, be excused from
21 payment of renewal fees until he or she notifies the
22 Department in writing of his or her desire to resume
23 active status.

24 (2) Any licensee requesting restoration from inactive
25 status shall be required to (i) pay the current renewal
26 fee; and (ii) demonstrate that he or she has completed a

1 minimum of 20 hours of continuing education and met any
2 additional continuing education requirements established
3 by the Department by rule.

4 (3) Any licensee whose license is in an inactive
5 status shall not practice in the State of Illinois without
6 first restoring his or her license.

7 (4) Any licensee who shall engage in the practice
8 while the license is lapsed or inactive shall be
9 considered to be practicing without a license which shall
10 be grounds for discipline under Section 16 of this Act.

11 (c) Any speech-language pathologist, speech-language
12 pathology assistant, or audiologist whose license has expired
13 may have his or her license restored at any time within 5 years
14 after the expiration thereof, upon payment of the required
15 fee.

16 (d) Any person whose license has been expired or inactive
17 for 5 years or more may have his or her license restored by
18 making application to the Department and filing proof
19 acceptable to the Department of his or her fitness to have his
20 or her license restored, including sworn evidence certifying
21 to active lawful practice in another jurisdiction, and by
22 paying the required restoration fee. A person practicing on an
23 expired license is deemed to be practicing without a license.

24 (e) If a person whose license has expired has not
25 maintained active practice in another jurisdiction, the
26 Department shall determine, by an evaluation process

1 established by rule, his or her fitness to resume active
2 status and may require the person to complete a period of
3 evaluated clinical experience, and may require successful
4 completion of an examination.

5 (f) Any person whose license has expired while he or she
6 has been engaged (1) in federal or State service on active
7 duty, or (2) in training or education under the supervision of
8 the United States preliminary to induction into the military
9 service, may have his or her license restored without paying
10 any lapsed renewal or restoration fee, if within 2 years after
11 termination of such service, training or education he or she
12 furnishes the Department with satisfactory proof that he or
13 she has been so engaged and that his or her service, training
14 or education has been so terminated.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-530, eff. 1-1-18.)