

1 AN ACT concerning speech.

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 2 as  
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 7902)

8 Sec. 2. Legislative Declaration of Public Policy. The  
9 practice of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in the  
10 State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public  
11 health, safety and welfare and to be subject to regulation  
12 and control in the public interest. It is further declared  
13 to be a matter of public interest and concern that the  
14 speech-language pathology and audiology professions merit and  
15 receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified  
16 persons be permitted to practice this profession in the State  
17 of Illinois. This Act must ~~shall~~ be liberally construed to  
18 carry out these objectives and purposes.

19 It is further declared to be the public policy of this  
20 State, pursuant to subsections (h) and (i) of Section 6 of  
21 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, that any  
22 power or function set forth in this Act to be exercised by  
23 the State is an exclusive State power or function. Such  
24 power or function shall not be exercised concurrently, either  
25 directly or indirectly, by any unit of local government,  
26 including home rule units, except as otherwise provided in  
27 this Act.

28 (Source: P.A. 85-1391.)