

HOUSE BILL NO. 744

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDES AND AUDIOLOGY AIDES; PROVIDING THAT A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDE OR AUDIOLOGY AIDE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDE OR AUDIOLOGY AIDE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-15-301, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 37-15-301, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-15-301. License required -- exception -- rulemaking. (1) A license must be issued to qualified persons either in speech-language pathology or audiology. A person may be licensed in both areas if the person meets the respective qualifications, and in those instances, the license fee must be as though for one license.

(2) A person may not practice or represent to the public that the person is a speech-language pathologist, an audiologist, a speech-language pathology assistant, or an audiology assistant in this state unless the person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) The board may issue a limited license to qualified individuals engaged in supervised professional experience, as defined by board rule.

(4) The board shall establish by rule the qualifications and scope of work for speech-language pathology aides and audiology aides. A speech-language pathology aide or audiology aide:

(a) is not required to be licensed by the board;

(b) shall work under the supervision of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist a minimum of 20% of the time; and

(c) may not perform work that requires the independent judgment of a speech-language

1 pathologist or audiologist."

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