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HOUSE BILL 475

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSES; AMENDING THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID DISPENSING PRACTICES ACT;
ADDING A SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR CLINICAL FELLOWS; INCREASING
BOARD MEMBERSHIP; CONFORMING STATE LICENSURE TO NATIONAL
STANDARDS; CHANGING RENEWAL TERMS; INCREASING LICENSE FEES;
PROVIDING FOR BILINGUAL AND MULTILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS;
AMENDING, REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-14B-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
Chapter 57, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-14B-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Speech-Language
Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act:

A. "apprentice" means a person working toward full
licensure in speech-language pathology who meets the

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1 requirements for licensure as an apprentice in speech and
2 language pursuant to the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology
3 and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act;

4 B. "appropriate supervisor" means a person licensed
5 pursuant to the provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology,
6 Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act who has a
7 minimum of two years' experience as a speech-language
8 pathologist after the person's clinical fellowship year;

9 [~~B-~~] C. "auditory trainer" means a custom-fitted FM
10 amplifying instrument other than a hearing aid designed to
11 enhance signal-to-noise ratios;

12 [~~G-~~] D. "audiologist" means a person who engages in
13 the practice of audiology, who may or may not dispense hearing
14 aids and who meets the qualifications set forth in the Speech-
15 Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing
16 Practices Act;

17 [~~D-~~] E. "board" means the speech-language
18 pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing practices
19 board;

20 [~~E-~~] F. "business location" means a permanent
21 physical business location in New Mexico where records can be
22 examined and process served;

23 [~~F-~~] G. "clinical fellow" means a person who has
24 completed all academic course work and practicum requirements
25 for a master's degree or the equivalent in speech-language

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1 pathology or audiology or both and engages in the practice of
2 speech-language pathology or audiology as set forth in the
3 provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and
4 Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act;

5 [G.] H. "clinical fellowship year" or "CFY" means
6 the time following the completion of all academic course work
7 and practicum requirements for a master's degree in speech-
8 language pathology or audiology or both and during which a
9 clinical fellow is working [~~towards~~] toward a certificate of
10 clinical competence from a nationally recognized speech-
11 language or hearing association or the equivalent;

12 [~~H. "CFY supervisor" means a person licensed~~
13 ~~pursuant to the provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology,~~
14 ~~Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act who oversees~~
15 ~~the work of a clinical fellow and is so designated in the CFY~~
16 ~~plan that is approved by the board;~~]

17 I. "department" means the regulation and licensing
18 department;

19 J. "hearing aid" means [~~any~~] a wearable instrument
20 or device designed or offered for the purpose of aiding or
21 compensating for impaired human hearing and any parts,
22 attachments or accessories, including earmolds but excluding
23 batteries and cords;

24 K. "hearing aid dispenser" means [~~any~~] a person
25 other than [~~a~~] an audiologist or an otolaryngologist who is

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1 licensed to sell, fit and service hearing aids [~~under~~] pursuant
2 to the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid
3 Dispensing Practices Act and maintains or occupies a permanent
4 physical business location in New Mexico where records can be
5 examined and process can be served;

6 L. "otolaryngologist" means a licensed physician
7 who has completed a recognized residency in otolaryngology and
8 is certified by the American board of otolaryngology;

9 M. "paraprofessional" means a person who provides
10 adjunct speech-pathology or audiology services under the direct
11 supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or
12 audiologist;

13 N. "practice of audiology" means the application of
14 principles, methods and procedures of measurement, testing,
15 appraisal, prognostication, aural rehabilitation, aural
16 habilitation, consultation, hearing aid selection and fitting,
17 counseling, instruction and research related to hearing and
18 disorders of hearing for the purpose of nonmedical diagnosis,
19 prevention, identification, amelioration or the modification of
20 communicative disorders involving speech, language auditory
21 function or other aberrant behavior related to hearing
22 disorders;

23 O. "practice of hearing aid dispensing" means the
24 behavioral measurement of human hearing for the purpose of the
25 selection and fitting of hearing aids or other rehabilitative

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1 devices to ameliorate the dysfunction of hearing sensitivity;
2 this may include otoscopic inspection of the ear, fabrication
3 of ear impressions and earmolds, instruction, consultation and
4 counseling on the use and care of these instruments, medical
5 referral when appropriate and the analysis of function and
6 servicing of these instruments involving their modification or
7 adjustment;

8 P. "practice of speech-language pathology" means
9 the rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups,
10 organizations or the public any service in speech or language
11 pathology involving the nonmedical application of principles,
12 methods and procedures for the measurement, testing, diagnosis,
13 prognostication, counseling and instruction related to the
14 development and disorders of communications, speech, fluency,
15 voice, verbal and written language, auditory comprehension,
16 cognition, dysphagia, oral pharyngeal or laryngeal sensorimotor
17 competencies and treatment of persons requiring use of an
18 augmentative communication device for the purpose of nonmedical
19 diagnosing, preventing, treating and ameliorating such
20 disorders and conditions in individuals and groups of
21 individuals;

22 Q. "screening" means a pass-fail procedure to
23 identify individuals who may require further assessment in the
24 areas of speech-language pathology, audiology or hearing aid
25 dispensing;

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1 R. "speech-language pathologist" means a person who
2 engages in the practice of speech-language pathology and who
3 meets the qualifications set forth in the Speech-Language
4 Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act;

5 S. "sponsor" means a licensed hearing aid
6 dispenser, audiologist or otolaryngologist who has an
7 endorsement to dispense hearing aids and:

8 (1) is employed in the same business location
9 where the trainee is being trained; and

10 (2) has been actively engaged in the
11 dispensing of hearing aids during three of the past five years;

12 T. "student" means ~~any~~ a person who is a full- or
13 part-time student enrolled in an accredited college or
14 university program in speech-language pathology, audiology or
15 communicative disorders;

16 U. "supervisor" means a speech-language pathologist
17 or audiologist licensed pursuant to the provisions of the
18 Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing
19 Practices Act who provides supervision in the area of speech-
20 language pathology or audiology; and

21 V. "trainee" means a person working toward full
22 licensure as a hearing aid dispenser under the direct
23 supervision of a sponsor."

24 **SECTION 2.** A new section of the Speech-Language
25 Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act,

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1 Section 61-14B-3.2 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

2 "61-14B-3.2. [NEW MATERIAL] SCOPE OF PRACTICE--CLINICAL
3 FELLOW OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.--

4 A. The scope of practice for a clinical fellow of
5 speech-language pathology under the supervision by an
6 appropriate supervisor shall include:

7 (1) rendering or offering to render
8 professional services, including diagnosis, prevention,
9 identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation,
10 rehabilitation, instruction, counseling, prognostication,
11 training and research to individuals or groups of individuals
12 who have or are suspected of having disorders of communication,
13 including speech comprehension, voice, fluency, language in all
14 its expressive and receptive forms, including oral expression,
15 reading, writing and comprehension, oral pharyngeal function,
16 oral motor function, dysphagia, functional maintenance therapy
17 or cognitive-communicative processes; and

18 (2) determining the need for personal
19 augmentative and alternative communication systems, computer
20 access or assistive technology, recommending such systems and
21 providing set-up, modification, training, troubleshooting and
22 follow-up in the utilization of such systems.

23 B. The scope of practice for a clinical fellow of
24 speech-language pathology under the supervision by an
25 appropriate supervisor may include:

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1 (1) conducting pure-tone air conduction
2 hearing screening or tympanometry screening, limited to a pass
3 or fail determination, for the purpose of performing a speech
4 and language evaluation or for the initial identification of
5 individuals with other disorders of communications; and

6 (2) aural rehabilitation that is defined as
7 services and procedures for facilitation of adequate receptive
8 and expressive communication in individuals who are deaf or
9 hearing impaired."

10 SECTION 3. Section 61-14B-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
11 Chapter 57, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "61-14B-5. SCOPE OF PRACTICE--AUDIOLOGISTS.--

13 A. The scope of practice for audiologists shall
14 include:

15 (1) the rendering or offering to render
16 professional services, including nonmedical diagnosis,
17 prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation,
18 counseling, habilitation, rehabilitation and instruction on and
19 prognostication of individuals having or suspected of having
20 disorders of hearing, balance or central auditory processing;

21 (2) identification and evaluation of auditory
22 function through the performance and interpretation of
23 appropriate behavioral or electrophysiological tests for this
24 purpose;

25 (3) making ear impressions for use with

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1 auditory trainers or for non-amplified devices such as swim
2 molds or ear protectors;

3 (4) cerumen management; [~~and~~]

4 (5) evaluation and management of tinnitus; and

5 (6) the scope of practice for hearing aid
6 dispensers.

7 B. The scope of practice for audiologists may
8 include:

9 (1) consultation regarding noise control or
10 environmental noise evaluation;

11 (2) hearing conservation;

12 (3) calibration of equipment used in hearing
13 testing and environmental evaluation;

14 (4) fitting and management of auditory
15 trainers, including their general service, adjustment and
16 analysis of function, as well as instruction, orientation and
17 counseling in the use and care of these instruments;

18 (5) speech or language screening for the
19 purposes of audiological evaluation or initial identification
20 for referral of individuals with disorders of communication
21 other than hearing; [~~and~~]

22 (6) supervision of students, clinical fellows
23 and paraprofessionals; and

24 [~~G. The scope of practice for audiologists may be~~
25 ~~expanded by special endorsement to include the dispensing of~~

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1 ~~hearing aids. This expanded scope:~~

2 ~~(1) shall include the scope of practice for~~
3 ~~audiologists as specified in Subsections A and B of this~~
4 ~~section;~~

5 ~~(2) shall include the scope of practice for~~
6 ~~hearing aid dispenser; and~~

7 ~~(3) may include] (7)~~ the sponsorship of
8 hearing aid dispenser trainees."

9 SECTION 4. Section 61-14B-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
10 Chapter 57, Section 9) is amended to read:

11 "61-14B-9. BOARD CREATED.--

12 A. There is created the "speech-language pathology,
13 audiology and hearing aid dispensing practices board" that
14 shall be administratively attached to the department.

15 B. The board shall consist of [~~ten~~] eleven members
16 who have been New Mexico residents for at least five years
17 prior to their appointment. Among the membership, [~~two~~] three
18 members shall be licensed speech-language pathologists, two
19 members shall be licensed audiologists, two members shall be
20 licensed hearing aid dispensers, one member shall be a licensed
21 otolaryngologist and three members shall represent the public
22 and have no interest, direct or indirect, in the profession
23 regulated.

24 C. [~~The~~] A licensed [~~members~~] member of the board
25 shall not hold any elected or appointed office in any related

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1 professional organization."

2 SECTION 5. Section 61-14B-12.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
3 2005, Chapter 250, Section 3) is amended to read:

4 "61-14B-12.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--
5 AUDIOLOGIST.--A license to practice as an audiologist shall be
6 issued to any person who:

7 A. files a completed application, accompanied by
8 the required fees and documentation; certifies that the
9 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in
10 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978; and submits satisfactory evidence
11 that the applicant:

12 (1) holds a master's degree in audiology or
13 communication disorders or an equivalent degree awarded prior
14 to January 1, 2007; meets the academic requirements for
15 certification by a nationally recognized [~~speech-language or~~]
16 hearing association; and [~~currently holds~~] has earned a
17 certificate of clinical competence from a nationally recognized
18 [~~speech-language or~~] hearing association in the area that the
19 applicant is seeking licensure; [~~or~~]

20 (2) has completed the current academic,
21 practicum and employment experience requirements for a
22 certificate of clinical competence in audiology from a
23 nationally recognized [~~speech-language or~~] hearing association
24 and has passed a nationally recognized standard examination;

25 (3) provides evidence satisfactory to the

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1 board of at least six months' experience in the dispensing of
2 hearing aids through practical examination or other methods as
3 determined by the board in either a graduate training program
4 or in a work or training experience; and

5 (4) maintains or occupies a business location,
6 hospital, clinical medical practice or other facility where
7 hearing aids are regularly dispensed; or

8 B. files a completed application, accompanied by
9 the required fees and documentation, certifies that the
10 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in
11 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978 and submits satisfactory evidence
12 that the applicant:

13 (1) holds a [~~doctoral degree in~~] doctor of
14 audiology degree or equivalent degree regardless of degree name
15 and meets academic requirements for certification by a
16 nationally recognized [~~speech-language or~~] hearing association;
17 [~~and~~]

18 (2) [~~has completed the current academic,~~
19 ~~practicum and employment requirements of a nationally~~
20 ~~recognized speech-language or hearing association; and~~] has
21 passed a nationally recognized standard examination in
22 audiology if required by rule;

23 (3) provides evidence satisfactory to the
24 board of at least six months' experience in the dispensing of
25 hearing aids through practical examination or other methods as

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1 determined by the board in either a graduate training program
2 or in a work or training experience; and

3 (4) maintains or occupies a business location,
4 hospital, clinical medical practice or other facility where
5 hearing aids are regularly dispensed."

6 SECTION 6. Section 61-14B-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
7 Chapter 57, Section 14, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "61-14B-14. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION--
9 HEARING AID DISPENSER.--

10 A. A license to practice as a hearing aid dispenser
11 shall be issued to ~~[any]~~ a person who files a completed
12 application, passes the examination approved by the board, pays
13 the required fees, provides required documentation and submits
14 satisfactory evidence that the person:

15 ~~[(1) is an audiologist, a clinical fellow in~~
16 ~~audiology or an otolaryngologist; or~~

17 ~~(2)]~~ (1) is a person other than an
18 audiologist, a clinical fellow in audiology or an
19 otolaryngologist applying for a license under the Speech-
20 Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing
21 Practices Act; ~~[and who~~

22 ~~(a)]~~ (2) has reached the age of majority and
23 has at least a high school education or the equivalent;

24 (3) has met any additional educational
25 requirement of the board;

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1 [~~(b)~~] (4) has worked for no less than seven
2 months under a training permit; and

3 [~~(c)~~] (5) certifies that [~~he~~] the person is
4 not guilty of any of the activities listed in Section 61-14B-21
5 NMSA 1978.

6 B. The examination for hearing aid dispenser shall
7 be conducted by the board quarterly unless there are no
8 applicants for examination.

9 C. The board:

10 (1) shall provide procedures to [~~assure~~]
11 ensure that examinations for licensure are offered as needed;

12 (2) shall establish rules regarding the
13 examination application deadline and other rules relating to
14 the taking and retaking of licensure examinations;

15 (3) shall determine a passing grade for the
16 examination; and

17 (4) may accept an applicant's examination
18 scores used for national certification or other examination
19 approved by the board."

20 SECTION 7. Section 61-14B-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
21 Chapter 57, Section 15) is amended to read:

22 "61-14B-15. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--CLINICAL FELLOW
23 OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY--CLINICAL FELLOW OF AUDIOLOGY.--A
24 license to practice as a clinical fellow of speech-language
25 pathology or audiology shall be issued to [~~any~~] a person who

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1 files a completed application, [~~passes the examination approved~~
2 ~~by the board prior to or within one year of applying for the~~
3 ~~examination~~] pays the required fees, provides documentation and
4 submits satisfactory evidence that the person:

5 A. has met all academic course work and practicum
6 requirements for a master's degree in speech-language
7 pathology, speech pathology, communication disorders or
8 audiology or both for certification by a nationally recognized
9 speech-language or hearing association;

10 B. has filed a CFY plan that meets with board
11 approval;

12 C. certifies that [~~he~~] the person has received no
13 reprimands of unprofessional conduct or incompetency;

14 D. applies for licensure under Section [~~12 of the~~
15 ~~Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing~~
16 ~~Practices Act~~] 61-14B-12 NMSA 1978 after completing the
17 clinical fellowship year; and

18 E. has [~~a CFY~~] an appropriate supervisor [~~who~~:

19 ~~(1) is a speech-language pathologist or~~
20 ~~audiologist licensed under the provisions of the Speech~~
21 ~~Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing~~
22 ~~Practices Act; and~~

23 ~~(2) has registered with the board as a CFY~~
24 ~~supervisor for the clinical fellowship year]."~~

25 SECTION 8. Section 61-14B-15.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws

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1 1999, Chapter 128, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "61-14B-15.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--APPRENTICE IN
3 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE.--A license to practice as an apprentice in
4 speech and language shall be issued by the board to a person
5 who files a completed application accompanied by the required
6 fees and documentation and provides satisfactory evidence that
7 the applicant:

8 A. is working toward full licensure pursuant to the
9 provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and
10 Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act;

11 B. has a baccalaureate degree in speech-language
12 pathology or communicative disorders or an equivalent degree or
13 a baccalaureate degree in another field with thirty semester
14 hours of credit in speech-language pathology or communicative
15 [~~disorder~~] disorders;

16 C. is enrolled in and successfully completes
17 graduate classes in speech-language pathology [~~or~~],
18 communicative disorders or a related field at a minimum rate of
19 nine semester hours per year and is accepted into a master's
20 level program in speech-language pathology or communicative
21 disorders within two years of initial licensing;

22 D. maintains a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average
23 in the master's degree course and other work;

24 E. is supervised by [~~a person licensed as a speech-~~
25 ~~language pathologist who has a minimum of two years experience~~

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1 ~~as a speech-language pathologist]~~ an appropriate supervisor;
2 and

3 ~~[F. receives a minimum of ten percent direct~~
4 ~~supervision and ten percent indirect supervision]~~

5 F. has arranged for appropriate supervision to meet
6 the supervision requirements as defined by rule."

7 SECTION 9. Section 61-14B-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
8 Chapter 57, Section 18) is amended to read:

9 "61-14B-18. SCOPE OF HEARING AID DISPENSING

10 EXAMINATION.--In preparing the hearing aid dispensing
11 examination, the board shall use tests that demonstrate:

12 A. knowledge in the fitting and sale of hearing
13 aids, including basic physics of sound, anatomy and physiology
14 of the ear and the function of hearing aids; and

15 B. proficient use of techniques for the fitting of
16 hearing aids, including:

17 (1) pure-tone audiometry, including air
18 conduction and bone conduction testing;

19 (2) live voice or recorded voice speech
20 audiometry, including speech reception threshold and speech
21 recognition score tests;

22 (3) masking when indicated;

23 (4) recording and evaluation of audiograms and
24 speech audiometry for determining proper selection, fitting and
25 adjustment of hearing aids;

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- 1 (5) taking earmold impressions; and
- 2 (6) analyzing hearing aid function,
- 3 modification and general service."

4 SECTION 10. Section 61-14B-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
5 Chapter 57, Section 19) is amended to read:

6 "61-14B-19. LICENSE RENEWAL.--

7 A. Each licensee shall renew [~~his~~] the licensee's
8 license [~~every year~~] biennially by submitting a renewal
9 application as provided for in the board's regulations. The
10 board may establish a method to provide for staggered biennial
11 terms, including renewing licenses for one year to establish
12 the renewal cycle. The board may require proof of continuing
13 education as a requirement for renewal.

14 B. A sixty-day grace period shall be allowed to
15 each licensee after each licensing period. A license may be
16 renewed during the grace period upon payment of a renewal fee
17 and a late fee as prescribed by the board.

18 C. Any license not renewed by the end of the grace
19 period will be considered expired, and the licensee shall not
20 be eligible to practice within the state until the license is
21 renewed. The board shall develop rules regarding requirements
22 for renewal of an expired license and may require the licensee
23 to reapply as a new applicant.

24 D. Clinical fellow licenses may be renewed for no
25 more than three years; provided the clinical fellow has

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1 submitted evidence of:

2 (1) passing a recognized standard national
3 examination in ~~[either]~~ speech-language pathology ~~[or audiology~~
4 ~~or both]~~ prior to or within ~~[his first]~~ the clinical fellow's
5 second year of the CFY. The CFY license will not be renewed
6 the second year without evidence of passing a recognized
7 standard national examination in ~~[either]~~ speech-language
8 pathology ~~[or audiology or both]~~; and

9 (2) evidence of continued supervision and
10 satisfactory performance.

11 E. The board may issue rules providing for inactive
12 status of licenses.

13 F. Hearing aid dispensing licenses may be renewed
14 provided the hearing aid dispenser has submitted evidence that
15 the licensee is board-certified by the national board for
16 certification in hearing instrument sciences as provided in the
17 speech-language pathology, audiology and hearing aid dispensing
18 practices board's rules."

19 SECTION 11. Section 61-14B-20 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
20 Chapter 57, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

21 "61-14B-20. FEES.--The board shall establish a schedule
22 of reasonable fees for applications, licenses, renewal of
23 licenses, exams, penalties and administrative fees. The
24 license and license renewal fees shall not exceed:

25 A. ~~[fifty dollars (\$50.00)]~~ one hundred dollars

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1 (\$100) for clinical fellows and apprentices in speech and
2 language;

3 B. [~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~] three hundred
4 dollars (\$300) for audiologists or speech-language
5 pathologists;

6 C. [~~three hundred dollars (\$300)~~] four hundred
7 dollars (\$400) for hearing aid dispensers;

8 D. [~~two hundred dollars (\$200)~~] three hundred
9 dollars (\$300) for examinations;

10 E. [~~one hundred dollars (\$100)~~] two hundred dollars
11 (\$200) for late renewal fees;

12 F. [~~two hundred dollars (\$200)~~] three hundred
13 dollars (\$300) for hearing aid dispensing endorsement;

14 G. five hundred dollars (\$500) for a hearing aid
15 dispenser trainee license, which fee includes examination, both
16 written and practical; [~~and~~]

17 H. reasonable administrative fees; and

18 I. one hundred dollars (\$100) for bilingual or
19 multilingual endorsement."

20 SECTION 12. A new section of the Speech-Language
21 Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act
22 is enacted to read:

23 "[NEW MATERIAL] REQUIREMENTS FOR BILINGUAL OR MULTILINGUAL
24 ENDORSEMENT.--A bilingual or multilingual endorsement shall be
25 issued to a person who:

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1 A. files a completed application, accompanied by
2 the required fees and documentation, certifies that the
3 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in
4 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978 and submits satisfactory evidence
5 that the applicant:

6 (1) is eligible for and in the process of
7 obtaining a license;

8 (2) has completed the required education as
9 determined by board rule;

10 (3) has met experience requirements approved
11 by the board; and

12 (4) is proficient, as determined by the board,
13 in a specified language; and either

14 B. submits satisfactory evidence that the
15 applicant:

16 (1) has an active license in good standing in
17 the state of New Mexico as a speech-language pathologist; and

18 (2) has:

19 (a) a current bilingual endorsement from
20 the public education department; or

21 (b) a minimum of five years practicing
22 with clients who use a language other than English and is
23 proficient in the specified language as determined by the
24 board; or

25 C. submits satisfactory evidence that the

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applicant:

(1) has an active license in good standing in another state or country as a speech-language pathologist;

(2) has a minimum of five years practicing with clients who use a language other than English; and

(3) is proficient in the specified language as determined by the board."

SECTION 13. REPEAL.--Section 61-14B-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996, Chapter 57, Section 13, as amended) is repealed.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.