

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 45:3B-10 (Audiologists & speech pathologists-- amending licensing "grandfather" provisions)

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Sponsor(s): Albohn

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 4043**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED MAY 21, 1987

By Assemblyman ALBOHN

AN ACT concerning the licensing of certain persons as audiologists and speech language pathologists and amending and supplementing P. L. 1983, c. 420.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

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2 read as follows:

3 10. In lieu of the examination given to other applicants for  
4 licensure the director, in consultation with the committee, may  
5 issue a license to an individual who presents bona fide proof to the  
6 director that he was actively engaged in the practice of audiology  
7 or speech-language pathology, or both, in this State for three of the  
8 last five years immediately preceding the enactment of this act, and  
9 has a master's degree or its equivalent in speech-language pathol-  
10 ogy or audiology, [and has passed the national examination in  
11 speech-language pathology or audiology.] and meets the currently  
12 recognized national professional standards in speech-language  
13 pathology or audiology. The application shall be made to the  
14 director within one year of the enactment of this act. Prior to the  
15 licensure of an individual under this section, the director shall  
16 require that the applicant demonstrate satisfactory knowledge of  
17 current developments and procedures in his area of specialization.

1 2. Section 14 of P. L. 1983, c. 420 (C. 45:3B-14) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

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4 a temporary license to any person who has recently become a

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

\*—Assembly committee amendments adopted September 10, 1987.

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 5A logist or speech-language pathologist, or both, as the case may be,  
 6 and who has been licensed by the state of his former residence. The  
 7 temporary license shall be effective for a period not to exceed [1]  
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9 *b. The director, in consultation with the committee, shall issue*  
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 14 *1983, c. 420 (C. 45:3B-8); and who is participating in a clinical*  
 15 *internship required for licensure pursuant to subsection c. of section*  
 16 *8 of P. L. 1983, c. 420 (C. 45:3B-8). The temporary license shall be*  
 17 *effective \*[for a]\* \*only during the clinical internship\* period not*  
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 4 45:3B-10) as amended by this act, may apply to the Director of  
 5 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and  
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 7 day following the effective date of this act.

1 4. (New section) The director shall publish within 60 days of the  
 2 effective date of this act a notice containing the language of sec-  
 3 tion 3 of this act and a brief description of the eligibility require-  
 4 ments for licensure without examination pursuant to section 10 of  
 5 P. L. 1983, c. 420 (C. 45:3B-10).

6 The notice shall contain the specific date of the 180th day follow-  
 7 ing the effective date of this act. The notice shall be published at  
 8 least three times during the 60-day period in one or more news-  
 9 papers circulating in each county in the State.

1 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### REGULATED PROFESSIONS

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application period is provided for those persons affected by this change in the law. In addition, the bill provides for a temporary licensing procedure for those who are engaged in their clinical internship.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill eliminates from the grandfather provisions which affect those audiologists and speech-language pathologists that began practicing after 1969, the requirement that they must have passed the national examination in audiology and speech-language pathology. This requirement is unfair under this provision because, even though the American Speech and Hearing Association allowed nonmembers to take the examination that they sponsored, those practitioners who had chosen not to belong to that association would have had no reason to take the examination. A 180-day

**ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4043**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 10, 1987

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 4043 with committee amendments.

As amended by committee, this bill amends the law which provides for the regulation and licensure of audiologists and speech-language pathologists to modify one of the grandfather provisions of that law and to provide for the temporary licensing of applicants for licensure who are participating in clinical internships.

Under the grandfather provisions of the current law, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue a license without an examination to an applicant who was actively engaged in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology, or both, for three of the last five years immediately preceding January 5, 1984, passed the national examination in audiology or speech-language pathology, met the currently recognized national standards in audiology or speech-language pathology, and demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of current developments and procedures in their area of specialization. To take advantage of this provision an applicant had to apply within the first year following the effective date of the licensing law, which was January 5, 1984, or during the temporary extension of this provision for 90 days beginning November 13, 1986. This bill eliminates the requirement that an applicant must have passed the national examination in audiology or speech-language pathology and provides for a 180-day application period for qualified applicants under this provision of law. This national examination is the one that was given by the American Speech and Hearing Association. Nonmembers of the association were allowed to take this examination after 1969 but those who did not belong to that association had very little reason to do so. It therefore appears to be unreasonable to provide in the grandfather provision that an applicant must have passed that national examination.

The bill also provides for a temporary licensing procedure for those who are engaged in the clinical internship required for licensure in audiology or speech-language pathology.

The committee amended the bill to delete the requirement that a person pass the written licensure examination in order to qualify for a temporary license during the period of clinical internship. As a clinical internship is a requirement for licensure under current law, it is anticipated that an applicant will have completed such an internship prior to taking the written examination.

The committee also amended the bill to change the period for temporary licensure during a clinical internship from one year to 18 months.

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