

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1092**

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-37-04 and subsection 2 of section 43-37-05  
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of audiologists and the composition  
3 of the board of examiners on audiology and speech-language pathology; and to provide an  
4 effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-37-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **43-37-04. Eligibility for licensure.**

9 To be eligible for licensure by the board as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist,  
10 an applicant shall meet all the following requirements:

- 11 1. Be of good moral character.
- 12 2. Possess an appropriate degree from an educational institution recognized by the  
13 board.
  - 14 a. An applicant for a speech-language pathologist license shall possess at least a  
15 master's degree in speech-language pathology.
  - 16 b. An applicant for an audiologist license shall possess at least ~~a master's or a~~  
17 doctorate degree in audiology.
- 18 3. Submit evidence showing qualifications prescribed by rules of the board.
- 19 4. Pass an examination approved by the board within one year of application. The board  
20 may waive the examination requirement if the applicant presents proof of licensure in  
21 another state which has professional standards equivalent to those required by the  
22 board, except as provided by the board by rule.
- 23 5. Pay the prescribed fee.

1       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 43-37-05 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3       2.   The board must be composed of eight members appointed by the governor.  
4       Appointees must be residents of this state for at least one year immediately preceding  
5       their appointment and, except for the consumer member, must be engaged in  
6       rendering services to the public, in teaching, or in research in audiology or  
7       speech-language pathology for at least three years preceding their appointment. Two  
8       board members must be audiologists, ~~three~~four must be speech-language  
9       pathologists, one must be an otolaryngologist, ~~one must be a hearing aid specialist,~~  
10       and one must be a consumer.

11       **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2014.