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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-33-01, subsection 1 of
2 section 43-33-06, subsection 3 of section 43-37-02, and section 43-37-05 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to the consolidation of the board of hearing aid specialists and the board
4 of examiners on audiology and speech-language pathology; and to repeal sections 43-33-15
5 and 43-33-17 related to the board of hearing aid specialists.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-33-01 of the North Dakota Century
8 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 1. "Board" ~~means the board of hearing aid specialists~~ has the meaning provided under
10 section 43-37-02.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-33-06 of the North Dakota Century
12 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 1. The board shall register each applicant without discrimination if the applicant passes
14 an examination as provided in section 43-33-07 or if the applicant is a licensed
15 audiologist under chapter 43-37, and upon the applicant's payment of a fee as
16 established by the board, shall issue to the applicant a license ~~signed by the secretary-~~
17 ~~of the board.~~ The license is effective until the expiration date stated on the license and
18 identification card.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 43-37-02 of the North Dakota Century
20 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 3. "Board" means the state board of ~~examiners on audiology and audiologists,~~
22 speech-language pathologists, and hearing aid specialists.

23 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-37-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **43-37-05. Board of examiners ~~on audiology and audiologists,~~ speech-language**
2 **~~pathology~~ pathologists, and hearing aid specialists.**

- 3 1. The board of examiners ~~on audiology and audiologists,~~ speech-language pathology is-
4 ~~hereby~~ pathologists, and hearing aid specialists is established to carry out this chapter
5 and chapter 43-33.
- 6 2. The board is composed of ~~eight~~ nine members appointed by the governor. Appointees
7 must be residents of this state for at least one year immediately preceding
8 appointment and, except for the consumer member, must be engaged in rendering
9 services to the public, teaching, or research in audiology or speech-language
10 pathology for at least three years preceding appointment. Two board members must
11 be audiologists, ~~four~~ two must be speech-language pathologists, two must be hearing
12 aid specialists who have at least five years of relevant experience in the state and are
13 not audiologists or otolaryngologists, one must be an otolaryngologist, and ~~one~~ two
14 must be a ~~consumer~~ consumers.
- 15 3. Each board member shall hold office for three years and until a successor is appointed
16 and qualified. The terms must be arranged so no more than four terms expire on July
17 first of each year. The governor shall fill vacancies for an unexpired term. An individual
18 may not serve more than two successive terms.
- 19 4. The board shall meet at least twice each calendar year. Special meetings may be
20 convened at the call of the chairman or at the written request of any three board
21 members.
- 22 5. Five members of the board constitute a quorum. When an application for licensure is
23 received, one member of the quorum must be engaged in the profession for which a
24 license is sought. In the case of an application for licensure as a speech-language
25 pathology assistant, a speech-language pathologist must be a member of the quorum.

26 **SECTION 5. REPEAL.** Sections 43-33-15 and 43-33-17 of the North Dakota Century Code
27 are repealed.