

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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 create and enact a new section to chapter 43-37 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to licensing out-of-state audiologists and speech-language pathologists;
3 to amend and reenact section 43-37-04 and subsection 2 of section 43-37-05 of the North
4 Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of audiologists and the composition of the board
5 of examiners on audiology and speech-language pathology; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

9 **43-37-04. Eligibility for licensure.**

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

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

1 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 43-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
2 and enacted as follows:

3 **Licensing of out-of-state practitioners.**

- 4 1. The board may adopt rules establishing licensure requirements for applicants who
5 hold a current license in good standing to practice as an audiologist or
6 speech-language pathologist in a state or jurisdiction other than this state and who are
7 not the subject of a pending disciplinary action in any state or jurisdiction.
8 2. Notwithstanding section 43-37-04, as it relates to the licensure eligibility of an
9 out-of-state audiologist or speech-language pathologist, the board's rules may allow
10 for:
11 a. Waiver of the examination requirement if the applicant meets the requirements
12 established by the board.
13 b. Consideration of education and experience in order to meet the education
14 requirements.

15 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 43-37-05 of the North Dakota Century
16 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 17 2. The board must be composed of eight members appointed by the governor.
18 Appointees must be residents of this state for at least one year immediately preceding
19 their appointment and, except for the consumer member, must be engaged in
20 rendering services to the public, in teaching, or in research in audiology or
21 speech-language pathology for at least three years preceding their appointment. Two
22 board members must be audiologists, ~~three~~four must be speech-language
23 pathologists, one must be an otolaryngologist, ~~one must be a hearing aid specialist,~~
24 and one must be a consumer.

25 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2014.