

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4101

February 15, 2023, Introduced by Rep. VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17609 (MCL 333.17609), as amended by 2010 PA 304.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 17609. (1) The department shall, upon submission of a  
2 completed application and payment of the appropriate application  
3 processing and license fee, issue a license under this part to the  
4 following:

1 (a) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (2)  
2 or (3).

3 (b) An individual who possesses a master's or doctor of  
4 science or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology  
5 acceptable to the board, who has successfully completed an  
6 accredited speech-language pathology training program approved by  
7 the department and the board that has at least 9 months, or the  
8 equivalent, of full-time supervised postgraduate clinical  
9 experience in speech-language pathology, and who passes an  
10 examination acceptable to the board.

11 (2) A certified teacher who, on January 12, 2009, was endorsed  
12 in the area of speech and language impairment for the sole purpose  
13 of providing services as a part of employment or contract with a  
14 school district, intermediate school district, nonpublic school, or  
15 state department that provides educational services is eligible for  
16 a license under this part. An individual who meets the requirements  
17 of this subsection shall first apply for a license on or before the  
18 expiration of 2 years after the effective date of the rules  
19 promulgated under this part. An individual who obtains a license  
20 under this subsection is eligible for renewal of that license under  
21 this part if he or she continues to meet the requirements of this  
22 subsection.

23 (3) An individual who, on January 12, 2009, has the credential  
24 conferred by the American ~~speech-language-hearing association~~  
25 **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** as a certified speech-language  
26 pathologist is eligible for a license under this part. An  
27 individual who meets the requirements of this subsection and who  
28 maintains the credential conferred by the American ~~speech-language-~~  
29 ~~hearing association~~ **Speech-Language-Hearing Association** or a

1 successor credential conferred by its successor organization shall  
2 first apply for a license on or before the expiration of 2 years  
3 after the effective date of the rules promulgated under this part.  
4 An individual who obtains a license under this subsection is  
5 eligible for renewal of that license under this part if he or she  
6 continues to meet the requirements of this subsection.

7 (4) An individual may apply for a temporary license under this  
8 subsection for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate  
9 clinical experience. The department shall issue a temporary license  
10 under this subsection for a period not to exceed ~~12~~**24** months. **A**  
11 **temporary license issued under this subsection may be renewed for 3**  
12 **additional 12-month terms if the applicant continues to meet the**  
13 **requirements of this subsection.** An individual seeking a temporary  
14 license under this subsection shall obtain a temporary license  
15 before beginning the supervised postgraduate clinical experience.  
16 At the conclusion of the postgraduate clinical experience, the  
17 individual's supervisor shall sign and submit to the department a  
18 report that documents the individual's satisfactory completion of  
19 the supervised postgraduate clinical experience. To be eligible for  
20 a temporary license under this subsection, an applicant ~~shall~~**must**  
21 meet all of the following requirements:

22 (a) Possess a master's or doctor of science or doctor of  
23 philosophy degree in speech-language pathology acceptable to the  
24 board. An applicant shall have his or her academic transcripts  
25 provided directly to the department by the academic institution.

26 (b) Submit a plan for supervised postgraduate clinical  
27 experience on a form approved by the board and signed by a licensed  
28 professional who will provide supervision.