

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDES
5 AND AUDIOLOGY AIDES; PROVIDING THAT A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDE OR AUDIOLOGY
6 AIDE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
7 PATHOLOGY AIDE OR AUDIOLOGY AIDE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING
8 SECTION 37-15-301, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 37-15-301, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"37-15-301. License required -- exception -- rulemaking.** (1) A license must be issued to qualified
14 persons either in speech-language pathology or audiology. A person may be licensed in both areas if the
15 person meets the respective qualifications, and in those instances, the license fee must be as though for one
16 license.

17 (2) A person may not practice or represent to the public that the person is a speech-language
18 pathologist, an audiologist, a speech-language pathology assistant, or an audiology assistant in this state
19 unless the person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

20 (3) The board may issue a limited license to qualified individuals engaged in supervised
21 professional experience, as defined by board rule.

22 (4) The board shall establish by rule the qualifications and scope of work for speech-language
23 pathology aides and audiology aides. A speech-language pathology aide or audiology aide:

24 (a) is not required to be licensed by the board;

25 (b) shall work under the supervision of a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist a minimum
26 of 20% of the time; and

27 (c) may not perform work that requires the independent judgment of a speech-language
28 pathologist or audiologist."

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