

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives K. Wood, Beatty and Dowd**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. §17-97-302 TO PROVIDE THAT
9 SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS OR AUDIOLOGISTS MUST POSSESS A
10 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY OR AUDIOLOGY IN
11 ORDER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §17-97-302 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 "17-97-302. Eligibility.

18 (a) The board shall issue a license to any person who meets the
19 requirements of this chapter and pays to the board the initial license fee
20 prescribed in 17-97-308.

21 (b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech pathologist
22 or audiologist, a person shall:

23 (1) Be of good moral character;

24 (2) Possess at least a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in the
25 area of speech therapy, speech pathology or audiology, as the case may be,
26 from an educational institution recognized by the board;

27 (3) Submit evidence of the completion of the educational,
28 clinical experience, and employment requirements, which shall be based on
29 appropriate national standards and prescribed by the rules and regulations
30 adopted pursuant to this chapter;

31 (4) Pass an examination approved by the board. This examination
32 may be taken either before or after the completion of the employment
33 requirement specified pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) of this section."

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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