

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Christopher Klein:

Please note the following about this preliminary draft:

1. The Hearing and Speech Examining Board (board) requested that current law be clarified so that it is clear that graduates must obtain a temporary license while completing their post-graduate fellowships. I'm not sure whether such clarification is necessary. Current law clearly states that you can't practice without a license and specifically provides for temporary licenses to be granted during the completion of a post-graduate fellowship. Nevertheless, I amended ss. 459.24 (1) (a) and (b), stats., so that they specifically refer to permanent and temporary licenses. Does the amendment address the board's concerns?
2. The board requested that an applicant for a temporary license must take the next available examinations for licensure, in addition to signing up for them. However, unless I don't understand your intent, I don't think it makes sense to condition the granting of a license on something (i.e., taking examinations) that occurs in the future after the license is granted. Therefore, this bill provides instead that a temporary license is invalid if the applicant fails to take the examinations. Is that okay?
3. Is my reference to certificates of renewal in proposed s. 459.09 (2) okay? (Current law refers only to "certificates" and does not specify what they are.)

Please contact me if you have any questions. I will add an analysis and prepare a bill that may be introduced after the above issues are resolved.

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