CR 95-094

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Patrick D. Braatz, Director, Bureau of Health Professions in the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, do hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Hearing and Speech Examining Board on the 8th day of August, 1995.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 8th day of August, 1995.

Patrick D. Braatz, Director, Bureau of Health Professions, Department of

Regulation and Licensing



STATE OF WISCONSIN HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE

: ORDER OF THE :HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

HEARING AND SPEECH

ADOPTING RULES

EXAMINING BOARD

(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 95-094)

ORDER

An order of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board to renumber HAS 1.01 (1); to renumber and amend HAS 2.01 (4); to amend HAS 2.01 (1), (2) and (3); and to create HAS 1.01 (1), (2a) and 2.01 (4) (b) relating to the issuance of temporary trainee permits to audiology interns.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 459.12, Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 459.07, Stats.

Several university officials in Wisconsin who are involved in teaching and/or administering audiology degree programs have made requests to the Hearing and Speech Examining Board to modify several rule provisions relating to the supervision of individuals who hold temporary trainee permits. Based upon information provided by the university officials, the board has concluded that the proposed rule modifications are essential to assure that students currently enrolled in audiology degree programs in the universities are provided with an opportunity to continue their education without interruption.

Under the current rules, only one trainee at a time may hold a trainee permit to practice fitting of hearing instruments under the supervision of a given license. The proposed rules would amend s. HAS 2.01 (4) to permit a licensee to supervise up to 20 audiology interns as part of a supervised course of study, and to permit a trainee to practice under the supervision of up to 3 licensees on any given day.

The current rules provide that a temporary trainee may practice only while under the direct supervision of a licensee. In order to exercise direct supervision, the sponsoring licensee must be physically present when the trainee makes ear impressions or measurements of hearing for the purpose of fitting or selling a hearing instrument, or fits or sells a hearing instrument. The proposed rule defines the term "direct supervision" to more accurately reflect the level of supervision provided to audiology interns participating in a supervised course of study.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. HAS 1.01 (1) is renumbered (1a).

SECTION 2. HAS 1.01 (1) and (2a) are created to read:

HAS 1.01 (1) "Audiology intern" means a student who engages in the practice of audiology as part of a supervised course of study, including internship or clinical practicum, leading to a degree in audiology at a college or university.

(2a) "Direct supervision" means:

- (a) For purposes of supervising individuals other than audiology interns, being physically present at the time the trainee makes ear impressions or measurements of human hearing for the purpose of fitting or selling a hearing instrument or fits or sells a hearing instrument.
- (b) For purposes of supervising audiology interns, providing appropriate direct observations of the clinical services rendered at the time the trainee makes ear impressions or measurements of human hearing for the purpose of fitting or selling a hearing instrument or fits or sells a hearing instrument.

SECTION 3. HAS 2.01 (1), (2) and (3) are amended to read:

HAS 2.01 <u>TRAINEES</u>. (1) An applicant for a trainee permit must make application on the form provided by the department. This form must be completed in full, and a check or cash <u>payment</u> in the amount of the fee specified under s. 440.05 (6), Stats., must accompany this application.

Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

- (2) A trainee permit issued by the board entitles the trainee to practice fitting hearing instruments, make ear impressions and make measurements of human hearing, for the purpose of fitting hearing instruments, for a period of one year and only while under the direct supervision of a hearing instrument specialist who holds a license issued under ch. 459, Stats. The licensee is responsible liable for the trainee's negligent acts and omissions in the fitting of hearing instruments. In order to exercise direct supervision, the sponsoring licensee must be physically present when the trainee makes ear impressions or measurements of human hearing, for the purpose of fitting or selling a hearing instrument, or fits or sells a hearing instrument.
- (3) A trainee permit may be renewed or regranted only once and then only when the trainee shows sufficient cause for not having completed the requirements for a permanent license. Sufficient cause means continued participation in a supervised course of study leading to a degree in audiology at a college or university, illness or other ineapacity hardship.

SECTION 4. HAS 2.01 (4) is renumbered 2.01 (4) (a) and amended to read:

HAS 2.01 (4) (a) Only Except as provided in sub. (b), only one trainee at a any given time may hold a trainee permit to practice the fitting of hearing instruments under the supervision of a given licensee.

SECTION 5. HAS 2.01 (4) (b) is created to read:

HAS 2.01 (4) (b) No more than 20 audiology interns at any given time may hold a trainee permit to practice the fitting of hearing instruments under the supervision of a given licensee. No more than a total of 3 licensees on any single day may supervise the practice of fitting of hearing instruments by an audiology intern.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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Agency

Meredy Hase, Chairperson

Hearing and Speech Examining Board

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DATE:

August 8, 1995

TO:

Gary Poulson

Assistant Revisor of Statutes

FROM:

Pamela A. Haack, Rules Center Coordinator

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Office of Administrative Rules

SUBJECT: Final Rule-Making Order

Agency: HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the code.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.

