

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: HAS 6 to 8

Relating to: Implementation of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Licensure Compact

Rule Type: Both Permanent and Emergency

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

Pursuant to 2023 Wisconsin Act 56 Section 33 Subsection 1, the Hearing and Speech Examining Board may promulgate emergency rules to allow for implementation of this act. The Board is not required to provide a finding of an emergency or provide evidence that an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, or welfare.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of this rule is to implement the statutory changes from 2023 Wisconsin Act 56.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters 6 to 8 currently include requirements for Wisconsin state licensure of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists. The proposed rule would add requirements for compact licensure to those chapters as well. The alternative to the proposed rule is that the statute will govern the terms of Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologists, with no further clarification written in the Administrative Code.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats.: "Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

Section 459.12 (1), Stats.: "The examining board may make rules not inconsistent with the laws of this state which are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter."

Section 459.26 (2) (am), Stats.: "The examining board shall by rule select and approve examinations for audiology."

Section 459.28 (2), Stats.: "The examining board may enter into reciprocal agreements with officials of other states or territories of the United States for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists and grant licenses to applicants who are licensed in those states or territories according to the terms of the reciprocal agreements."

2023 Wisconsin Act 56 Section 33: "(1) The hearing and speech examining board and the department of safety and professional services may promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24 necessary to implement this act..."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

120 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist Credential holder and those seeking credentials as Audiologists or Speech-Language Pathologists in Wisconsin.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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