

AMENDMENTS TO LB 479

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike original sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 18, and 20 and
2 insert the following new sections:

3 Sec. 13. Section 71-4706, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 71-4706 (1) Application for a license under sections
6 71-4701 to 71-4719 shall be made to the department on forms
7 prescribed by the department and shall be accompanied by the fee
8 established as provided in section 71-162. If the applicant is an
9 individual, the application shall include the applicant's social
10 security number. The department shall, without discrimination,
11 issue a license to any person who passes an examination provided
12 for in section 71-4707. The department shall issue a license to an
13 audiologist who complies with subsection (4) of section 71-4707 and
14 pays the fee described in subdivision (2)(b) of section 71-162.05
15 in lieu of the fee established as provided in section 71-162.
16 The license shall be effective until December 31 of the next
17 even-numbered year.

18 (2) Whenever the board determines that another state
19 or jurisdiction has requirements equivalent to those in effect
20 pursuant to sections 71-4701 to 71-4719 and that such state
21 or jurisdiction has a program equivalent to the program for
22 determining whether applicants pursuant to such sections are
23 qualified to fit and sell hearing aids, the department may issue

1 licenses to applicants who hold current, unsuspended, and unrevoked
2 certificates or licenses to fit and sell hearing aids in such other
3 state or jurisdiction. No such applicants for licensure shall be
4 required to submit to or undergo a qualifying examination if his
5 or her certificate or license is based upon a written examination
6 equivalent to the Nebraska examination.

7 Sec. 14. Section 71-4707, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 71-4707 (1) Any person may obtain a license by
10 successfully passing a qualifying examination if the applicant:

11 (a) Is at least twenty-one years of age;

12 (b) Is of good moral character;

13 (c) Has an education equivalent to a four-year course in
14 an accredited high school; and

15 (d) Is free of contagious or infectious disease.

16 (2) Each applicant for license by examination shall
17 appear at a time and place and before such persons as the
18 department may designate to be examined by means of written and
19 practical tests in order to demonstrate that he or she is qualified
20 to practice the fitting and sale of hearing aids. The examination
21 shall not be conducted in such a manner that college training is
22 required in order to pass. Nothing in this examination shall imply
23 that the applicant is required to possess the degree of medical
24 competence normally expected of physicians.

25 (3) The department shall give examinations as determined
26 by the board, except that a minimum of two examinations shall be
27 offered each calendar year.

1 (4) An audiologist may obtain a license without
2 examination if he or she provides the board with a copy of a valid
3 Nebraska license to practice audiology and maintains a practice in
4 which hearing aids are regularly dispensed.

5 Sec. 16. Original sections 71-1,186, 71-1,187, 71-1,190,
6 71-1,195.01, 71-1,195.02, 71-1,195.03, 71-1,195.04, 71-1,195.05,
7 71-1,195.06, 71-1,195.07, 71-1,195.08, 71-1,195.09, 71-4706,
8 71-4707, and 81-651, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are
9 repealed.

10 2. On page 3, line 5, after "program" insert "for
11 purposes of obtaining a license under sections 71-4701 to 71-4719";
12 and in lines 7 and 25 strike "life span" and insert "lifespan.
13 Such practice does not include the practice of medical diagnosis,
14 medical treatment, or surgery".

15 3. On page 5, line 24, strike "or" and show as stricken.

16 4. On page 6, line 6, strike the period, show as
17 stricken, and insert "; or"; and after line 6 insert the following
18 new subdivision:

19 "(6) The utilization of a speech aide or other personnel
20 employed by a public school, educational service unit, or other
21 private or public educational institution working under the direct
22 supervision of a credentialed speech-language pathologist.".

23 5. On page 11, line 11, after "(c)" insert "describe
24 the".

25 6. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.