



State of Nevada

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of

LCB No. R129-15

of the

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board will hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Board Administrative Office, 6160 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 3, Reno, Nevada 89523.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to R129-15, Chapter 637B of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

LCB File No. R129-15

1. Assembly Bill No. 115 of the 78th Legislative Session combined the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists with the Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech Pathology to create the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board.

The need and purpose of the proposed regulation is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified and competent speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid specialists are licensed in the state.

2. The proposed regulation will provide clarity for the public, individuals and licensees through regulation by establishing provisions concerning the examination given to persons who wish to engage in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids; establishing provisions concerning a program of in-service training for apprentice hearing aid specialists; authorizing a hearing aid specialist or dispensing audiologist to delegate certain duties to certain persons not licensed to engage in the practice of audiology, speech-language pathology or fitting and dispensing hearing aids; establishing certain duties of hearing aid specialists and dispensing audiologists; requiring licensees to prepare and retain certain client records; establishing provisions concerning requirements for continuing education; establishing provisions concerning the renewal and reinstatement of certain expired licenses; establishing certain fees to be charged and collected by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

3. Estimated economic effect of regulations on business and the public

a. Adverse and beneficial effects

The adoption of these regulations should have no adverse economic effect on business, the public or practitioners of speech-language pathology, audiology or the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. The benefits of these regulations are that the public and the practitioners will be provided clarity in NAC 637B.

b. Immediate and long-term effects

The immediate and long-term effects of the regulations proposed in R129-15 will be clarity and consistency in regulation and licensing of speech-language pathologists, audiologists and hearing aid specialists in Nevada.

4. Cost for enforcement of the regulations

There are no additional costs involved in enforcing the proposed regulations.

5. Overlap or duplication of other state or local governmental agencies or federal regulation

The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any regulation of other state or local governmental entities or federal regulation.

6. Regulation required by federal law - Not applicable

7. More stringent than federal regulations - The Board is not aware of any similar federal regulations of the same activity in which the state regulations are more stringent.

8. New or increases in existing fees - The proposed regulations do not include new or increases in existing fees.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments, data, views or arguments in written form to the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board, P.O. Box 34540, Reno, Nevada 89533. The Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board must receive all written submissions on or before April 29, 2016. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board may proceed immediately to action upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted, R129-15, will be on file at the Nevada State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted, R129-15, will be available from the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board, PO Box 34540, Reno, Nevada 89523, and in all counties at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. The proposed regulations are also available for review and download on the Board website www.nvaud-sp.org or www.nvspeechhearing.org.

Upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption or incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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Elko, NV 89801

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Goldfield, NV 89013

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Tonopah, NV 89049

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75 Court Street
Reno, Nevada 89520

Dated: March 25, 2016