

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 8.1 as follows:

(225 ILCS 110/8.1)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after July 1, 2005, a person who has met the requirements of items (a) through (e) of Section 8 and intends to undertake supervised professional experience as a speech-language pathologist, as required by subsection (f) of Section 8 and the rules adopted by the Department, must first obtain a temporary license from the Department. A temporary license may be issued by the Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a speech-language pathologist in this State. A temporary license shall be issued to an applicant upon receipt of the required fee as set forth by rule and documentation on forms prescribed by the Department certifying that his or her professional experience will be supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist. A temporary license shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed only once for good cause shown.

A person who has completed the course and clinical curriculum required to receive a master's degree in speech-language pathology, as minimally required under subsection (d) of Section 8 of this Act for a license to practice speech-language pathology, but who has not yet been conferred the master's degree, may make application to the Department for a temporary license under this Section and may begin his or her supervised professional experience as a speech-language pathologist without a temporary license for

120 days from the date of application or until disposition of the license application by the Department, whichever is sooner.

(Source: P.A. 93-112, eff. 1-1-04; 93-1060, eff. 12-23-04.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.