

# SENATE BILL No. 1147

November 13, 2014, Introduced by Senator MOOLENAAR and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 17603 and 17607 (MCL 333.17603 and 333.17607),  
as added by 2008 PA 524.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 17603. ~~Beginning the effective date of this part, an~~ **AN**  
2 individual shall not use the titles "speech-language pathologist",  
3 "speech pathologist", "speech therapist", "speech correctionist",  
4 "speech clinician", "language therapist", "language pathologist",  
5 "logopedist", "communicologist", "aphasiologist", "phoniatrist",  
6 "voice therapist", and "voice pathologist", or similar words that  
7 indicate that the individual is a speech-language pathologist,  
8 unless the individual is licensed **OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED** under  
9 this part ~~as a~~ **TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF** speech-language  
10 ~~pathologist.~~ **PATHOLOGY.**

1       Sec. 17607. (1) ~~An~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**  
2 **SECTION, AN** individual shall not engage in the practice of speech-  
3 language pathology unless licensed under this part.

4       (2) A licensee shall not perform an act, task, or function  
5 within the practice of speech-language pathology unless he or she  
6 is trained to perform the act, task, or function and the  
7 performance of that act, task, or function is consistent with the  
8 rules promulgated under section 17610(3). A speech-language  
9 pathologist, **INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL PRACTICING UNDER SUBSECTION**  
10 **(6) (D),** shall refer a patient to ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** licensed **OR**  
11 **OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE** in the practice of medicine or  
12 osteopathic medicine and surgery **IN THIS STATE** if signs or symptoms  
13 identified during the practice of speech-language pathology cause  
14 the speech-language pathologist **OR INDIVIDUAL** to suspect that the  
15 patient has an underlying medical condition.

16       (3) A licensee shall perform assessment, treatment or therapy,  
17 and procedures related to swallowing disorders and medically  
18 related communication disorders only on patients who have been  
19 referred to him or her by ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** licensed **OR**  
20 **OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE** in the practice of medicine or  
21 osteopathic medicine and surgery **IN THIS STATE.**

22       (4) Limited diagnostic testing, such as endoscopic  
23 videolaryngostroboscopy, shall only be performed by a licensee in  
24 collaboration with or under the supervision of ~~a person~~ **AN**  
25 **INDIVIDUAL** licensed **OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE** in the  
26 practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery **IN THIS**  
27 **STATE.**

1           (5) A licensee shall follow procedures in which collaboration  
2 among the licensee and ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** licensed **OR OTHERWISE**  
3 **AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE** in the practice of medicine or osteopathic  
4 medicine and surgery **IN THIS STATE** and other licensed health care  
5 professionals is regarded to be in the best interests of the  
6 patient.

7           (6) Subsection (1) does not prevent any of the following:

8           (a) An individual licensed or registered under any other part  
9 or act from performing activities that are considered speech-  
10 language pathology services if those activities are within the  
11 individual's scope of practice and if the individual does not use  
12 the titles protected under section 17603.

13           (b) The practice of speech-language pathology that is an  
14 integral part of a program of study by students enrolled in an  
15 accredited speech-language pathology educational program approved  
16 by the board, ~~provided that those~~ **IF THE** individuals are identified  
17 as students and provide speech-language pathology services only  
18 while under the supervision of a licensed speech-language  
19 pathologist.

20           (c) Self-care by a patient or uncompensated care by a friend  
21 or family member who does not represent or hold himself or herself  
22 out to be a licensed speech-language pathologist.

23           **(D) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS**  
24 **FROM ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN THIS**  
25 **STATE:**

26           **(i) NOTWITHSTANDING RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS PART, HE OR**  
27 **SHE POSSESSES A MASTER'S OR DOCTOR OF SCIENCE OR DOCTOR OF**

1 PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CONFERRED BY AN  
2 ACCREDITED INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION.

3 (ii) HE OR SHE HAS ACTIVELY AND CONTINUALLY ENGAGED IN THE  
4 PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN THIS STATE SINCE JANUARY  
5 1, 2000.

6 (iii) HE OR SHE HOLDS AN ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT AT AN ACCREDITED  
7 INSTITUTION.

8 (iv) HE OR SHE PERFORMS ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CONSIDERED SPEECH-  
9 LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH OR UNDER THE  
10 SUPERVISION OF AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO  
11 ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND  
12 SURGERY IN THIS STATE.