

# SENATE BILL No. 691

January 13, 2016, Introduced by Senators KNOLLENBERG, O'BRIEN, WARREN, ZORN, GREGORY, JOHNSON, HERTEL, BIEDA, HOOD, KNEZEK, HUNE, SMITH, SCHUITMAKER, PAVLOV, BOOHER and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 17601 (MCL 333.17601), as added by 2008 PA 524.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 17601. (1) As used in this part:

(a) "Practice of speech-language pathology", subject to  
subsection (2), means the application of principles, methods, and  
procedures related to the development of disorders of human  
communication including the following:

(i) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical examination,  
assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and preventing  
disorders of speech, voice, and language.

(ii) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical  
examination, assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and  
preventing disorders of oral-pharyngeal function and disorders

1 related to swallowing dysfunction.

2 (iii) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical  
3 examination, assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and  
4 preventing cognitive-communicative disorders.

5 (iv) Assessing, selecting, and developing augmentative and  
6 alternative communication systems and providing training in their  
7 use.

8 (v) Providing speech-language treatment or therapy and related  
9 counseling services to **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing  
10 ~~impaired individuals~~ **PERSONS** and their families.

11 (vi) Enhancing speech-language proficiency and communication  
12 effectiveness.

13 (vii) Screening of hearing for the purpose of speech-language  
14 assessment provided that judgments and descriptive statements about  
15 results of that screening are limited to pass-fail determinations.

16 (b) "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual **WHO IS**  
17 engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

18 (2) Practice of speech-language pathology does not include  
19 either of the following:

20 (a) The practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and  
21 surgery or medical diagnosis, medical management with medication,  
22 surgical interventions, ordering medical testing, or medical  
23 treatment.

24 (b) The fitting and dispensing of hearing aids ~~as provided by~~  
25 **UNDER** article 13 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL  
26 339.1301 to 339.1309.

27 (3) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1

1 contains general definitions and principles of construction  
2 applicable to all articles in this act and part 161 contains  
3 definitions applicable to this part.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
5 after the date it is enacted into law.