

SENATE BILL 514

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Speech–Language Pathologists – License Renewal Requirements – National**
3 **Certification**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing
5 Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists to waive certain continuing
6 education requirements for the purpose of renewing a license to practice
7 speech–language pathology for a licensee who holds a license to practice
8 speech–language pathology and a certain national certification that is
9 determined to be in good standing by the issuing organization; and generally
10 relating to license renewal requirements for speech–language pathologists.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 2–308
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 2–308.

20 (a) Except as provided for a limited license in §§ 2–310 through 2–310.3 of
21 this subtitle, a license expires on the date set by the Board, unless the license is
22 renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

23 (b) At least 2 months before the license expires, the Board shall contact the
24 licensee by electronic means or first–class mail at the last known electronic or physical
25 address provided by the licensee and advise the licensee of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) The date on which the current license expires;

2 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
3 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

4 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

5 (c) Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an
6 additional term, if the licensee:

7 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

8 (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

9 (3) Submits to the Board:

10 (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires;

11 (ii) Evidence of compliance with any continuing education
12 requirement set under this section for license renewal; and

13 (iii) Evidence that each audiometer in use has been calibrated
14 within 12 months before the date the license is renewed.

15 (d) **(1) [In] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN**
16 **addition to any other qualifications and requirements established by the Board, the**
17 **Board, by rule or regulation, shall establish continuing education requirements as a**
18 **condition to the renewal of licenses under this section.**

19 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION**
20 **REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**
21 **FOR A LICENSEE WHO HOLDS A LICENSE TO PRACTICE SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
22 **PATHOLOGY AND A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE**
23 **PATHOLOGY THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE IN GOOD STANDING BY THE ISSUING**
24 **ORGANIZATION.**

25 (e) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the
26 requirements of this section.

27 (f) A licensee has a grace period of 30 days after a license expires in which to
28 renew it retroactively, if the licensee:

29 (1) Otherwise is entitled to have the license renewed; and

1 (2) Pays to the Board the renewal fee and any late fee set by the
2 Board.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014.