



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6265**

LCO No. 2490

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-408 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

4 (1) "The practice of speech and language pathology" means the  
5 application of principles, methods and procedures for the  
6 measurement, testing, [diagnosis] evaluation, prediction, counseling or  
7 instruction relating to the development and disorders of speech, voice  
8 or language or feeding and swallowing or other upper aerodigestive  
9 functions for the purpose of [diagnosing] evaluating, preventing,  
10 treating, ameliorating or modifying such disorders and conditions in  
11 individuals or groups of individuals.

12 (2) "Licensed speech and language pathologist" means a person  
13 licensed under this chapter to practice speech and language pathology.

14 (3) "The practice of audiology" means the application of principles,

15 methods and procedures of measurement, testing, appraisal,  
16 prediction, consultation and counseling and the determination and use  
17 of appropriate amplification related to hearing and disorders of  
18 hearing, including the fitting or selling of hearing aids, for the purpose  
19 of modifying communicative disorders involving speech, language,  
20 auditory function or other aberrant behavior related to hearing loss.

21 (4) "Licensed audiologist" means a person licensed under this  
22 chapter to practice audiology.

23 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

24 (6) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	20-408

**Statement of Purpose:**

To revise the definition of "the practice of speech and language pathology".

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*