

HB 1379 - H AMD 30

By Representative Hinkle

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.35.040 and 2002 c 310 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) An applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument
6 fitter/dispenser must have the following minimum qualifications and
7 shall pay a fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
8 43.70.250. An applicant shall be issued a license under the provisions
9 of this chapter if the applicant has not committed unprofessional
10 conduct as specified by chapter 18.130 RCW, and:

11 (a)(i) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument
12 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter; ~~((or))~~ and

13 (ii) Satisfactorily completes a minimum of a two-year degree
14 program in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction. The
15 program must be approved by the board; or

16 (b) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
17 jurisdiction if the standards for licensing in such other jurisdiction
18 are substantially equivalent to those prevailing in this state((or

19 ~~(b) Satisfactorily completes a minimum of a two-year degree program~~
20 ~~in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction. The program must~~
21 ~~be approved by the board; and~~

22 ~~(c) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the~~
23 ~~uniform disciplinary act)) as provided in (a) of this subsection; or~~

24 (c)(i) Holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another
25 jurisdiction, has been actively practicing as a licensed hearing aid
26 fitter/dispenser in another jurisdiction for at least forty-eight of
27 the last sixty months, and submits proof of completion of advance
28 certification from either the international hearing society or the
29 national board for certification in hearing instrument sciences; and

1 (ii) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument
2 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter or a
3 substantially equivalent examination approved by the board.

4 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
5 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
6 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
7 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

8 (2) An applicant for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or
9 audiologist must have the following minimum qualifications:

10 (a) Has not committed unprofessional conduct as specified by the
11 uniform disciplinary act;

12 (b) Has a master's degree or the equivalent, or a doctorate degree
13 or the equivalent, from a program at a board-approved institution of
14 higher learning, which includes completion of a supervised clinical
15 practicum experience as defined by rules adopted by the board; and

16 (c) Has completed postgraduate professional work experience
17 approved by the board.

18 All qualified applicants must satisfactorily complete the speech-
19 language pathology or audiology examinations required by this chapter.

20 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in
21 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of
22 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and
23 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board."

EFFECT: Specifies that the current examination requirement also
applies to applicants for a hearing instrument fitter/dispenser license
through the alternative licensing option. Increases the number of
years that an applicant for a license through the alternative licensing
option must have practiced in another state from 24 of the previous 36
months to 48 of the previous 60 months.

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