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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; modifying provisions for licensing of public health occupations;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 148.517, subdivisions 1, 2; 148.5191,
1.4 subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.517, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** An applicant who applies for licensure as a speech-language
1.8 pathologist or audiologist by reciprocity must meet the requirements of subdivisions 2 and
1.9 3. An applicant who applies for licensure as an audiologist by reciprocity must pass the
1.10 practical exam required under section 148.515, subdivision 6.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.517, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 2. **Current credentials required.** An applicant applying for licensure by
1.13 reciprocity must provide evidence to the commissioner that the applicant holds a current
1.14 and unrestricted credential for the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in
1.15 another jurisdiction that has requirements equivalent to or higher than those in effect for
1.16 determining whether an applicant in this state is qualified to be licensed as a speech-language
1.17 pathologist or audiologist. An applicant who provides sufficient evidence need not meet
1.18 the requirements of section 148.515, except for subdivision 6, provided that the applicant
1.19 otherwise meets all other requirements of section 148.514.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.5191, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 4. **Renewal deadline.** Each license, including a temporary license provided under
2.3 section 148.5161, must state an expiration date. An application for licensure renewal must
2.4 be received by the Department of Health or postmarked at least 30 days before the expiration
2.5 date. ~~If the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely if received at~~
2.6 ~~least 21 days before the expiration date.~~

2.7 When the commissioner establishes the renewal schedule for an applicant, licensee, or
2.8 temporary licensee, if the period before the expiration date is less than two years, the fee
2.9 shall be prorated.