

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1379**

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2007 Regular Session

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Yeas 96 Nays 1

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1379** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Hinkle, Green, Campbell, Cody and Morrell

Read first time 01/18/2007. Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

1            AN ACT Relating to the qualifications of an applicant for licensure  
2 as a hearing instrument fitter/dispenser; and amending RCW 18.35.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (ii) Satisfactorily completes the hearing instrument  
13 fitter/dispenser examination required by this chapter or a  
14 substantially equivalent examination approved by the board.

15 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in  
16 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of  
17 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and  
18 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

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

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

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

27 (c) Has completed postgraduate professional work experience  
28 approved by the board.

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

31 The applicant must present proof of qualifications to the board in  
32 the manner and on forms prescribed by the secretary and proof of  
33 completion of a minimum of four clock hours of AIDS education and  
34 training pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

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