

Memorandum

To: Senate Finance Committee
From: Vermont Speech-Language Pathologists Association (VSHA)
Date: April 24, 2015
Re: H.184 – Fees related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists

Both H.184 and H.282 amend the same provision of law - 26 V.S.A. § 4459 – related to licensing fees for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. **The provision in H.184 should be stricken as it will be in conflict with the provision in H.282.**

Currently, the Agency of Education (AOE) licenses these 2 professions. Under H.282 - the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) bill- they will be licensed by OPR. AOE has proposed an increase in fees as they are currently licensed under AOE in H.184 to \$50/year and OPR has proposed the statutory fee structure in 3 V.S.A. §125 that applies to advisor professions under OPR.

The amendment specific to SLPs in H.184 is as follows:

Sec. 7. 26 V.S.A. § 4459 is amended to read:

§ 4459. FEES

(a) Each applicant and licensee shall be subject to the following fees:

- (1) ~~Initial processing~~ Processing of application \$35.00 \$50.00
- (2) Issuance of ~~initial~~ license \$35.00 \$50.00 per year for the term of the license
- (3) ~~Renewal~~ Issuance of license \$35.00 \$50.00 per year for the term of the renewal
- (4) ~~Replacement~~ Official copy of license \$10.00
- (5) Duplicate license \$3.00

(b) Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the ~~department~~ Department to offset the costs of providing those services.

The amendment in H.282 is as follows:

§ 4459. FEES

(a) Each applicant and licensee shall ~~be subject to pay~~ pay the following fees:

- (1) ~~Initial processing of application~~ \$35.00
- (2) ~~Issuance of initial license~~ \$35.00 per year for the term of the license
- (3) ~~Renewal of license~~ \$35.00 per year for the term of the renewal
- (4) ~~Replacement of license~~ \$10.00
- (5) Duplicate license \$3.00

(b) ~~Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the department to offset the costs of providing those services set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 125.~~