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**Act No. 36 (H. 86). An act relating to Vermont’s adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact**

**Subjects: Professions and occupations; Office of Professional Regulation; interstate compact; audiologists; speech-language pathologists**

This act is Vermont’s adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact into Vermont law. This act will allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists licensed out of state to practice in the State of Vermont through the Compact’s “privilege to practice” process if the practitioner is licensed in another compact member state and pays the required fees. This act also authorizes the Office of Professional Regulation to conduct background checks on audiologists and speech-language pathologists and establishes a separate “privilege to practice” fee for out-of-state practitioners practicing in Vermont through the Compact. This act also updates terms relating to the provision of transcription and interpretation services to individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind who are entitled to those services while participating in State proceedings.

Effective Date: Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2023