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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1234, L.D. 1751, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Licensure Act for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists"

Amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "**S6004.**" in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "board" the following: 'for a speech-language pathology aide'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "**S6004.**" in subsection 2 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 3, lines 2 and 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Initial applications for this credential are not accepted after December 31, 1997."

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "**S6004.**" in subsection 2 in the last line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "2005." the following: 'Any speech-language pathology aide registered after October 1, 1997 must demonstrate 2 years of post-secondary education and submit a training plan endorsed by a licensee. All speech-language pathology aides must meet the minimum qualifications for a speech-language pathology assistant adopted by the board no later than January 1, 2005.'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "**S6004.**" in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for" the following: 'a speech-language pathology assistant'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "**S6004.**" in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "this credential"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
2 "~~§6004.~~" in subsection 3 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 3, lines
4 11 and 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "major
substantive" and inserting in its place the following: 'routine
6 technical'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
8 summary the following:

10 'FISCAL NOTE

12 The Board of Examiners on Speech Pathology and Audiology
14 within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules.
16 These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted
resources.'

18 SUMMARY

20 The bill made various changes to the Licensure Act for
22 Speech Pathologists and Audiologists that included a new
24 definition for "speech-language pathology assistant" and
requirements for qualification of a "speech-language pathology
26 assistant." The credential of "speech-language pathology aide"
would terminate by 2005 and a person could not apply for this
28 credential after December 31, 1997.

30 The amendment strikes the provision that a person may not
apply for the credential of "speech-language pathology aide"
32 after December 31, 1997. The amendment requires that a person
applying for that credential after October 1, 1997 must
34 demonstrate 2 years of post-secondary education and submit a
training plan endorsed by a licensed speech-language
36 pathologist. The amendment also adds language that requires all
speech-language pathology aides to meet the eligibility
38 requirements for a speech-language pathology assistant by January
1, 2005 in order to continue their practice of speech-language
40 pathology.

42 The amendment also changes the rules that pertain to the
speech-language pathology assistant credential from major
44 substantive rules to routine technical rules. Technical wording
changes are also made. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.