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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1471

By: Representative Wooldridge

By: Senator Flippo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF ALL LICENSES
OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF ALL
LICENSES OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-100-305(a)-(c), concerning the annual review of licenses issued by the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Licenses issued under this chapter expire and become invalid ~~at 12:00 midnight, June 30, of each year~~ if not renewed each year.

(b) To maintain a license, a person licensed under this chapter shall pay a fee for renewal of license to the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology on or before ~~June 30~~ the expiration date of each year.

(c)(1)(A) If a request for renewal is postmarked on or before ~~July 15~~ fifteen (15) days after the expiration date:

(i) The request shall not be considered late; and

(ii) The licensee shall not be:

(a) Considered as practicing without a

license; or

(b) Charged a late fee.



(B) If payment of the renewal fee is postmarked on or after ~~July 16~~ sixteen (16) days after the expiration date of any given year, the board may renew a license upon payment of the renewal of license fee plus a late renewal payment penalty, which shall equal the amount prescribed for late penalty per month under § 17-100-308.

(C) A license renewed under this subsection becomes effective on the day after the request for renewal is postmarked.

(2) A person who requests renewal of a license, whose license has expired, shall not be required to submit to examination as a condition to renewal.

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