

HOUSE BILL NO. 4885

September 11, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Witwer, Schuette, Martin, Wozniak and Borton and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending sections 16807 and 17601 (MCL 333.16807 and 333.17601),
section 16807 as added by 2004 PA 97 and section 17601 as amended
by 2016 PA 238.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 16807. This part does not limit any of the following:
- 2 (a) An individual employed by a regionally accredited college
- 3 or university and involved with research or the teaching of

1 communication disorders from performing those duties for which ~~he~~
 2 ~~or she~~ **the individual** is employed by that institution, as long as
 3 the individual does not engage in the practice of audiology or hold
 4 ~~himself or herself~~ **the individual** out as licensed or otherwise
 5 authorized under this article as an audiologist.

6 (b) An individual who is employed by the department of
 7 ~~community health~~ **and human services** in 1 of its approved hearing
 8 screening training programs from conducting screening of hearing
 9 sensitivity.

10 (c) An individual certified by an agency acceptable to the
 11 ~~occupational health standards commission~~ **Michigan occupational**
 12 **safety and health administration** from engaging in hearing screening
 13 as part of a hearing conservation program in compliance with
 14 standards adopted under the Michigan occupational safety and health
 15 act, 1974 PA 154, MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094.

16 (d) A certified, licensed, registered, or otherwise
 17 statutorily recognized member of another profession, including a
 18 ~~person~~ **an individual** licensed **to engage** in the practice of medicine
 19 or osteopathic medicine and surgery and an unlicensed or licensed
 20 ~~person~~ **individual** to whom tasks have been delegated under ~~his or~~
 21 ~~her~~ supervision, ~~and including a person licensed under article 13~~
 22 ~~of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1301 to 339.1309,~~
 23 from practicing ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** profession as
 24 authorized by law, so long as the individual does not hold ~~himself~~
 25 ~~or herself~~ **the individual** out to the public as possessing a license
 26 issued or title protected under this article.

27 Sec. 17601. (1) As used in this part:

28 (a) "Practice of speech-language pathology", subject to
 29 subsection (2), means the application of principles, methods, and

1 procedures related to the development of disorders of human
2 communication including the following:

3 (i) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical examination,
4 assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and preventing
5 disorders of speech, voice, and language.

6 (ii) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical examination,
7 assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and preventing
8 disorders of oral-pharyngeal function and disorders related to
9 swallowing dysfunction.

10 (iii) Identifying by history or nonmedical physical examination,
11 assessing, treating with therapy, rehabilitating, and preventing
12 cognitive-communicative disorders.

13 (iv) Assessing, selecting, and developing augmentative and
14 alternative communication systems and providing training in their
15 use.

16 (v) Providing speech-language treatment or therapy and related
17 counseling services to deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing persons
18 and their families.

19 (vi) Enhancing speech-language proficiency and communication
20 effectiveness.

21 (vii) Screening of hearing for the purpose of speech-language
22 assessment provided that judgments and descriptive statements about
23 results of that screening are limited to pass-fail determinations.

24 (b) "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual who is
25 engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology.

26 (2) Practice of speech-language pathology does not include
27 either of the following:

28 (a) The practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and
29 surgery or medical diagnosis, medical management with medication,

1 surgical interventions, ordering medical testing, or medical
2 treatment.

3 (b) The fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. ~~under article~~
4 ~~13 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1301 to 339.1309.~~

5 (3) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1
6 contains general definitions and principles of construction
7 applicable to all articles in this act and part 161 contains
8 definitions applicable to this part.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
10 unless House Bill No. 4883 (request no. H02610'25) of the 103rd
11 Legislature is enacted into law.