

STATE OF WISCONSIN
HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING	:	NOTICE OF TIME PERIOD
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	FOR COMMENTS FOR THE
HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING	:	ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS
BOARD	:	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the time period for public comment on the economic impact of this proposed rule of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board relating to designation of a written examination for hearing instrument specialists, including how this proposed rule may affect businesses, local government units and individuals. The comments will be considered when the Department of Safety and Professional Services prepares the Economic Impact Analysis pursuant to § 227.137. Written comments may be submitted to:

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The deadline for submitting economic impact comments is December 7, 2015.

PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board to repeal HAS 3.02 and amend HAS 3.01(1) to designate a written examination for hearing instrument specialists.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted: s. 459.06 (2) (a), Stats.

Statutory authority: ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 459.12 (1)

Explanation of agency authority:

Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession. s. 15.08 (5)(b), Stats.

The examining board may make rules not inconsistent with the laws of the this state which are necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter. s. 459.12 (1), Stats.

Related statute or rule:

Plain language analysis:

This rule designates the International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals by the International Hearing Society as the written examination for hearing instruments specialists and deletes the provisions specifying the content areas of the written test.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation: None

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Illinois: Illinois requires the written and practical International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professions or an examination approved, developed or sanctioned by the Department.

Iowa: Iowa requires the national standardized licensing examination [International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals] by the International Hearing Society.

Michigan: Michigan requires examination prescribed by the Department.

Minnesota: Written examination approved by the commissioner citing topic areas to cover.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:

The department is currently soliciting information and advice from businesses, local government units and individuals in order to prepare the Economic Impact Analysis.

Effect on small business:

Agency contact person:

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. HAS 3.01 is amended to read:

HAS 3.01 Examinations. (1) Written Examination. An applicant for a hearing instrument specialist license shall pass a ~~written examination designed to test the applicant's knowledge in the subject areas described in s. HAS 3.02~~ the International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals.

SECTION 2. HAS 3.02 is repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)
