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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE ACT FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN ASSISTANT  
PERSONNEL FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT IF THEY ARE  
REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD BY THEIR EMPLOYER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-294(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) No person may practice or hold himself or herself out as being able to practice speech and language pathology or audiology in this State unless ~~such~~ the person holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license issued by the Board ~~as provided in this Article.~~ or is registered with the Board as an assistant. The license required by this section shall be kept conspicuously posted in ~~such~~ the person's office or place of business at all times. Nothing in this Article, however, shall be construed to prevent a qualified person licensed in this State under any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which such person is licensed."

Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 90-298.1. Registered assistant.**

1        A licensed speech and language pathologist or a licensed audiologist may register  
2 with the Board an assistant who works under the licensee's supervision if all of the  
3 following requirements are met:

4            (1)    The assistant meets the qualifications for registered assistants adopted  
5                    by the Board.

6            (2)    The licensee who supervises the assistant pays the registration fee set  
7                    by the Board.

8        A registration of an assistant must be renewed annually. To renew the registration  
9 of an assistant, the licensee who supervises the assistant must submit an application for  
10 renewal and pay the renewal fee. An initial or renewal fee for registering an assistant  
11 may not exceed the renewal license fee set under G.S. 90-305."

12            Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.