



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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| Agency name | Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Department of Health Professions |
| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | 18VAC30-20-10 et seq. |
| Regulation title | Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology |
| Action title | One-time reduction in renewal fees |
| Final agency action date | 10/8/09 |
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

In order to reduce an accumulated surplus in the budget of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, a one-time reduction in renewal fees has been adopted. The renewal fee for audiologists and speech-language pathologists will be reduced for the annual renewal from \$75 to \$40, and for school speech-language pathologists, the renewal fee will be reduced from \$40 to \$20. Fees for inactive licensure and provisional licensure in audiology (which are approximately one-half the active renewal fee) are reduced correspondingly.

This action is exempt from the Virginia Administrative Process Act in § 2.2-4006 A 7: *“Regulations of the regulatory boards served by (i) the Department of Labor and Industry pursuant to Title 40.1 and (ii) the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Title 54.1 that are limited to reducing fees charged to regulants and applicants.”*

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On October 8, 2009, the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology amended 18VAC30-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology for a one-time reduction in renewal fees for the renewal cycle ending December 31, 2009.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.