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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSURE FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS OR AUDIOLOGISTS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2696) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to provide for provisional licensure for speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSURE FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS OR AUDIOLOGISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 144A, the following section:-

Section 144B. (a) The board shall issue a provisional license as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist to each applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. It shall issue the provisional license to each person so licensed, which shall be conclusive evidence of the right of such person to practice for a period of supervised professional practice in the area in which a license under section 144 is being sought and required by the national certifying body for speech-language pathology and audiology. The provisional license shall be valid for no longer than the period of supervised professional practice.

(b) To be eligible for license by the board as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, an applicant shall:

12 (1) be of good moral character; and

13 (2) possess at a minimum (a) a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and (b) a master's
14 degree or its equivalent in the area of speech-language pathology or audiology granted by an
15 educational institution which incorporates academic course work and the minimum hours of
16 supervised training required by the national certifying body for speech-language pathology and
17 audiology.

18 (c) The applicant for the provisional license as a speech-language pathologist or
19 audiologist shall apply to the board in writing on an application form prescribed and furnished by
20 the board. At the time of filing the application, an applicant for a provisional license shall pay to
21 the board a fee which shall be set by the secretary of administration and finance.

22 SECTION 2. Section 146 of said chapter 112, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
23 is hereby amended by inserting, after the number "144" in line 3 and line 9, in each instance, the
24 following words:- or section 144B .

25 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law, or rule or regulation to the
26 contrary, insurance companies shall accept the provisional license of a speech-language
27 pathologist or audiologist as a full license for the purpose of credentialing clinicians.