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RE: Notice pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7, § 3B
New fees for Board of Registration for Speech Language Pathology and
Audiology

Dear Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Rodrigues, Clerk James, and Clerk Hurley:

I am sending this notice in accordance with instructions from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance ("ANF"). The Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology ("Board") within the Department of Public Health ("Department") requests that ANF amend 801 CMR 4.02: Fees for Licenses, Permits and Services to be Charged by State Agencies.

In particular, the Board seeks to establish the licensure fee for the new license category of "speech-language pathologist provisional licensee." The provisional speech-language pathologist license was established by Chapter 263 of the acts of 2022, *An act providing for provisional licensure for speech-language pathologists*, enacted on November 10, 2022.

The Board projects the full year costs for licensing speech-language pathologist provisional licensees to be approximately \$12,458. The Board projects the revenue from the proposed new fee to be approximately \$18,700 per year for the first five years.

A public hearing on the licensure fee will be held on October 31st, 2024. There should be no significant costs for cities or towns as a result of this fee. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at lauren.nelson@mass.gov or call me at 617-366-7055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lauren Nelson", followed by a horizontal line.

Lauren B. Nelson, Deputy Director
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