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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**
102 **ASSISTANTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Beginning January 1, 2026, the bill authorizes the certification of an individual as a speech-language pathology assistant (SLPA). The director of the division of professions and occupations (director) in the department of regulatory agencies (DORA) may certify an applicant if the applicant demonstrates that the applicant has a bachelor's degree in speech communication, speech-language pathology, or a related field and

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has completed an SLPA program and a clinical practicum.

An SLPA shall practice speech-language pathology only in collaboration with and under the direction and supervision of a certified speech-language pathologist (SLP). The bill establishes requirements and guidelines for an SLP supervising an SLPA.

The bill prohibits an SLPA from engaging in certain speech-language pathology tasks, such as the diagnosis of patients and preparation of a treatment plan.

An SLPA is required to complete 10 hours of continuing education each year and is subject to discipline by the director for violations of statutes governing the practice of speech-language pathology by an SLPA.

The bill repeals SLPA certification on September 1, 2033, subject to sunset review by DORA.

The bill makes conforming amendments, including clarifying that a school SLPA authorized by the department of education to practice in schools is not automatically a DORA-certified SLPA and must apply for DORA certification.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-102, **amend**
3 (1) introductory portion and (2); and **add** (1)(c.5) as follows:

4 **12-305-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 **hereby** finds, determines, and declares that:

6 (c.5) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS ENHANCE THE
7 EFFICIENCY AND EXTENT OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES BY
8 PROVIDING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES UNDER THE
9 DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND
10 WILL HELP ADDRESS THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
11 PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN THE STATE; AND

12 (2) The general assembly further determines that it is the purpose
13 of this article 305 to:

14 (a) Regulate **persons** INDIVIDUALS who are representing or holding
15 themselves out as speech-language pathologists or who are performing

1 services that constitute speech-language pathology; and

2 (b) Exclude from regulation under this article 305 those school
3 speech-language pathologists, INCLUDING SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE
4 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS, who are paid solely by an administrative unit or
5 state-operated program.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-104, **amend**
7 (2) and (3); and **add** (1.3), (1.4), (1.5), (2.5), (4.5), and (6) as follows:

8 **12-305-104. Definitions.** As used in this article 305, unless the
9 context otherwise requires:

10 (1.3) "CERTIFICATE HOLDER" MEANS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
11 PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-107.

12 (1.4) "CERTIFIED" MEANS CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT
13 TO THIS ARTICLE 305.

14 (1.5) "DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO A
15 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION
16 BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH
17 THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-305-111.5.

18 (2) "School speech-language pathologist" means ~~a person~~ AN
19 INDIVIDUAL licensed by the department of education to provide
20 speech-language pathology services that are paid for by an administrative
21 unit or a state-operated program. ~~"School speech-language pathologist"~~
22 ~~includes a school speech-language pathology assistant authorized by the~~
23 ~~department of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-111(10) to provide~~
24 ~~speech-language pathology services that are paid for by an administrative~~
25 ~~unit or a state-operated program.~~

26 (2.5) "SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT"
27 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-111 (10) TO ASSIST A SCHOOL
2 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN PROVIDING SPEECH-LANGUAGE
3 PATHOLOGY SERVICES THAT ARE PAID FOR BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT
4 OR A STATE-OPERATED PROGRAM.

5 (3) "Speech-language pathologist" or "certificate holder" means
6 ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS certified to practice speech-language
7 pathology ~~under this article 305~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-107 (1).

8 (4.5) "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT" MEANS AN
9 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

10 (a) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED:

11 (I) A BACHELOR'S OR HIGHER DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
12 PATHOLOGY, COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SPEECH SCIENCES, OR ANY
13 OTHER FIELD THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR SEMESTER HOURS
14 IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING SCIENCES, GRANTED BY AN ACCREDITED
15 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT;

16 (II) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM; AND

17 (III) A SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICUM TOTALING AT LEAST ONE
18 HUNDRED DIRECT HOURS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A
19 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST; AND

20 (b) ASSISTS IN THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
21 UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
22 PATHOLOGIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-111.5.

23 (6) "SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST" OR
24 "SUPERVISOR" MEANS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO IS
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A
26 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PURSUANT TO SECTION
27 12-305-111.5.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-105, **amend**
2 (1); and **add** (3) as follows:

3 **12-305-105. Use of titles restricted.** (1) Only ~~a person~~ AN
4 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS required to be and ~~who~~ is certified PURSUANT TO THIS
5 ARTICLE 305 as a speech-language pathologist ~~under this article 305~~ or IS
6 licensed by the ~~Colorado~~ department of education to provide
7 speech-language pathology services may advertise as or use the title
8 "speech-language pathologist", "speech pathologist", "speech therapist",
9 "speech correctionist", "speech clinician", "language pathologist", "voice
10 therapist", "voice pathologist", "aphasiologist", or any other generally
11 accepted terms, letters, or figures that indicate that the ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL
12 is a certified speech-language pathologist OR A LICENSED
13 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

14 (3) ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
15 THIS ARTICLE 305 AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR IS
16 AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS A SCHOOL
17 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT MAY ADVERTISE AS OR USE
18 THE TITLE "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT" OR ANY OTHER
19 GENERALLY ACCEPTED TERMS, LETTERS, OR FIGURES THAT INDICATE THAT
20 THE INDIVIDUAL IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR AN
21 AUTHORIZED SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-110, **amend**
23 (1)(a) and (2)(a); and **add** (1)(c.3) and (1)(c.5) as follows:

24 **12-305-110. Scope of article - exclusions - rules.** (1) This article
25 305 does not prevent or restrict the practice, services, or activities of:

26 (a) A school speech-language pathologist OR AN AUTHORIZED
27 SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT whose compensation

1 for speech-language pathology services is paid solely by an administrative
2 unit or state-operated program;

3 (c.3) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT ASSISTING IN
4 THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PURSUANT TO THIS
5 ARTICLE 305 UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A
6 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;

7 (c.5) AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
8 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AS DETERMINED BY
9 THE DIRECTOR BY RULE, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS DESIGNATED BY A TITLE
10 THAT CLEARLY INDICATES THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATUS AS A STUDENT AND
11 IF THE INDIVIDUAL ACTS UNDER APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION AND
12 SUPERVISION;

13 (2) Nothing in this article 305 requires or allows the department
14 of education, the department of health care policy and financing, or any
15 other state department to adopt or apply the standards contained in this
16 article 305:

17 (a) As the standards for endorsing or otherwise authorizing school
18 speech-language pathologists OR SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
19 ASSISTANTS to provide speech-language pathology services that are paid
20 for by an administrative unit or state-operated program; or

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-305-111
22 as follows:

23 **12-305-111. Limitations on authority - limitations specific to**
24 **speech-language pathology assistants.** (1) Nothing in this article 305
25 authorizes a speech-language pathologist OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
26 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT to engage in the practice of medicine, as defined
27 in section 12-240-107; dentistry, as defined in sections 12-220-104 (6)

1 and 12-220-305; or any other profession for which licensure, certification,
2 or registration is required, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by this article 305.

3 (2) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 305 AUTHORIZES A
4 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT TO PRACTICE
5 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY UNLESS THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE
6 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PRACTICES UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
7 SUPERVISION OF A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

8 (3) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT:

9 (a) REPRESENT THEMSELF AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;

10 (b) INTERPRET ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
11 DIAGNOSING DISABILITY OR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY OR QUALIFICATION
12 FOR SERVICES;

13 (c) ADMINISTER OR INTERPRET FEEDING OR SWALLOWING
14 SCREENINGS, CHECKLISTS, OR ASSESSMENTS;

15 (d) DIAGNOSE COMMUNICATION AND FEEDING OR SWALLOWING
16 DISORDERS;

17 (e) DEVELOP OR DETERMINE THE FEEDING OR SWALLOWING
18 STRATEGIES OR PRECAUTIONS FOR PATIENTS;

19 (f) DISCLOSE CLINICAL OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION,
20 INCLUDING DIAGNOSES, SERVICES PROVIDED, OR RESPONSE TO
21 TREATMENT, EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING, TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
22 NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE
23 PATHOLOGIST TO RECEIVE INFORMATION, UNLESS MANDATED BY LAW;

24 (g) WRITE, DEVELOP, OR MODIFY A PATIENT'S PLAN OF CARE IN
25 ANY WAY;

26 (h) MAKE REFERRALS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES;

27 (i) SELECT AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

1 SYSTEMS OR DEVICES;

2 (j) TREAT MEDICALLY FRAGILE PATIENTS WHO ARE ACUTELY ILL
3 AND IN AN UNSTABLE HEALTH CONDITION WITHOUT CONTINUOUS, DIRECT
4 SUPERVISION BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, WHICH
5 MAY INCLUDE SYNCHRONOUS OR LIVE TELESUPERVISION;

6 (k) PERFORM PROCEDURES THAT REQUIRE SPECIALIZED
7 KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING, INCLUDING VOCAL TRACT PROSTHESIS
8 SHAPING OR FITTING OR VOCAL TRACT IMAGING;

9 (l) PROVIDE INPUT IN CARE CONFERENCES, CASE CONFERENCES, OR
10 INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEETINGS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR PRIOR
11 APPROVAL OF A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST OR OTHER
12 DESIGNATED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;

13 (m) PROVIDE INTERPRETATIVE INFORMATION TO A PATIENT OR
14 OTHERS REGARDING THE PATIENT'S STATUS OR SERVICE; OR

15 (n) SIGN OR INITIAL ANY FORMAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING PLANS
16 OF CARE, REIMBURSEMENT FORMS, OR REPORTS, THAT ARE NOT ALSO
17 SIGNED BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

18 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 12-305-111.5 as
19 follows:

20 **12-305-111.5. Direction and supervision of speech-language**
21 **pathology assistants by speech-language pathologists - definitions.**

22 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
23 REQUIRES:

24 (a) "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS IN-VIEW OBSERVATION AND
25 GUIDANCE BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHILE THE
26 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT IS PERFORMING A CLINICAL
27 ACTIVITY. "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MAY INCLUDE THE SUPERVISING

1 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST COMMUNICATING WITH THE
2 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT VIA TELECOMMUNICATION
3 TECHNOLOGY DURING THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S
4 PROVISION OF CLINICAL SERVICES.

5 (b) "INDIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS SUPERVISION DURING WHICH
6 A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PHYSICALLY
7 PRESENT OR AVAILABLE VIA TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY WHILE
8 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT IS PROVIDING SERVICES.

9 "INDIRECT SUPERVISION" MAY INCLUDE:

10 (I) REVIEWING DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS;

11 (II) REVIEWING PATIENT FILES;

12 (III) REVIEWING AND EVALUATING AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED
13 SESSIONS; OR

14 (IV) CONDUCTING SUPERVISORY CONFERENCES EITHER IN PERSON
15 OR VIA TELEPHONE OR IN LIVE, SECURE VIRTUAL MEETINGS.

16 (2) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL PRACTICE
17 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ONLY UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
18 SUPERVISION OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

19 (3) A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A
21 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PRACTICE OF
22 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY. THE LEVEL OF SUPERVISION MUST BE
23 BASED ON THE NEEDS, COMPETENCIES, SKILLS, EXPECTATIONS,
24 PHILOSOPHIES, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
25 ASSISTANT AND THE SUPERVISOR; THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT SERVED; THE
26 SERVICE SETTING; THE TASKS ASSIGNED; AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT
27 FACTORS. THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS

1 RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING A WRITTEN
2 SUPERVISORY PLAN TO OUTLINE THE PRACTICES OF THE SUPERVISING
3 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND TO DOCUMENT PROGRESS. A
4 SUPERVISOR SHALL NOT ASSIGN TASKS TO A SPEECH-LANGUAGE
5 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT THAT ARE BEYOND THE LEVEL OF COMPETENCE OF
6 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR THAT ARE BEYOND
7 THE SCOPE OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PRACTICE.
8 THE CARE OF THE PATIENT REMAINS THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE
9 PATHOLOGIST'S RESPONSIBILITY.

10 (4) A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL
11 DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
12 ASSISTANTS WHOSE PRACTICE MAY BE SUPERVISED, WITH A ____ NUMBER
13 FOR SUPERVISION OF NO MORE THAN THREE _____ SPEECH-LANGUAGE
14 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS PER SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST. THE
15 FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING SUPERVISION RATIOS INCLUDE
16 CASELOAD CHARACTERISTICS, THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
17 ASSISTANT'S EXPERIENCE, AND THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S
18 EXPERIENCE AND WORKLOAD.

19 (5) BEFORE A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT BEGINS
20 TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT SUPPORT TO A PATIENT, THE SUPERVISING
21 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL INITIATE FIRST CONTACT WITH
22 THE PATIENT AND PREPARE A PLAN OF CARE FOR THE PATIENT. AFTER THE
23 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP, MINIMUM ONGOING
24 SUPERVISION MUST INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION OF DIRECT SUPERVISION
25 PROVIDED BY THE SUPERVISOR FOR EACH PATIENT AT LEAST EVERY THIRTY
26 TO SIXTY DAYS, DEPENDING ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE SESSIONS AND
27 SETTING, AND THE SUPERVISOR SHALL REVIEW PATIENT DATA. THE

1 SUPERVISOR SHALL ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION BASED ON THE
2 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S COMPETENCIES AND SKILL
3 LEVEL IN TREATING PATIENTS WHO HAVE A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION
4 DISORDERS. THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL
5 ACCURATELY DOCUMENT AND REGULARLY RECORD ALL SUPERVISORY
6 ACTIVITIES, FOR BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPERVISION. FOR
7 MEDICALLY FRAGILE PATIENTS WHO ARE ACUTELY ILL AND IN AN
8 UNSTABLE HEALTH CONDITION, THE SUPERVISOR SHALL PROVIDE ONE
9 HUNDRED PERCENT DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE
10 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, WHICH MAY BE THROUGH SYNCHRONOUS OR LIVE
11 TELESUPERVISION.

12 (6) A SUPERVISOR SHALL PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE
13 QUALITY OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PERFORMANCE
14 OF ASSIGNED TASKS. INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING DIRECT
15 SUPERVISION MAY INCLUDE DATA RELATIVE TO THE RELIABILITY BETWEEN
16 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT AND THE SUPERVISOR ON
17 CORRECT OR INCORRECT RECORDING OF TARGET BEHAVIOR, ACCURACY IN
18 IMPLEMENTING ASSIGNED TREATMENT PROCEDURES AND IN RECORDING
19 DATA, AND THE ABILITY TO INTERACT EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PATIENT
20 DURING THE PRESENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSIGNED
21 PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES.

22 (7) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT
23 PERFORM TASKS WHEN A SUPERVISOR CANNOT BE REACHED BY PERSONAL
24 CONTACT, VIA PHONE, OR BY OTHER IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC MEANS. IF
25 FOR SOME REASON A SUPERVISOR BECOMES UNABLE TO CONTINUE
26 SUPERVISION, THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT
27 PERFORM SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY TASKS UNTIL ANOTHER

1 QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR IS AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE.

2 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-112, **amend**
3 (2) introductory portion, (2)(r), and (2)(s)(II); and add (2)(t) as follows:

4 **12-305-112. Grounds for discipline - definitions.** (2) The
5 director may take disciplinary or other action specified in section
6 12-20-404 or 12-305-113 or issue a cease-and-desist order to a certificate
7 holder OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT in accordance
8 with sections 12-20-405 and 12-305-113 (8) upon proof that the
9 certificate holder:

10 (r) Has otherwise violated ~~any~~ A provision of this article 305 or
11 lawful order or rule of the director; ~~or~~

12 (s) Has committed:

13 (II) An abuse of health insurance, as set forth in section
14 18-13-119; OR

15 (t) HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY DIRECT AND SUPERVISE A
16 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT WHO IS UNDER THE
17 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-111.5.

19 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **amend**
20 **(34)(a)(III) as follows:**

21 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
22 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
23 **declaration - repeal.** (34) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
24 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2033:

25 (III) The regulation of speech-language pathologists AND
26 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS by the director of the
27 division of professions and occupations in accordance with article 305 of

1 title 12;

2 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.