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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND
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Dear licensees and interested parties:

Alaska's professional licensing statutes (AS 08.01.065) require the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) to "annually review each fee level to determine whether the regulatory costs of each occupation are approximately equal to fee collections related to that occupation." Alaska's licensing fee statutes go on to say, "If the review indicates that an occupation's fee collections and regulatory costs are not approximately equal, the department shall calculate fee adjustments and adopt regulations...to implement the adjustments."

The Division proposes an increase in licensing fee amounts in order to comply with the statute listed above, as well as to continue to deliver its current level of service for the Audiologist, Hearing Aid Dealer, and Speech-Language Pathologist licensing program. The program has been in deficit since 2013 and the deficit is anticipated to grow to (\$93,000) by FY2017 if no fee changes are made. In addition, there has not been a fee change since 2007 when the license fee was reduced from \$200 to the current \$25. The proposed increase in fees is still not as high as they were in 2006. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the proposed increase will stabilize the program for the foreseeable future and will prevent the need for an even larger increase later.

This fee proposal is entering a public comment period. The division encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this proposal through the division's Regulations Specialist, whose contact information is enclosed on the public notice. After the comment period closes and the division reviews all comments received, the division may adopt the regulation as drafted, may amend a proposed fee, or may withdraw the regulations in part or in its whole.

All comments received will be reviewed and taken into consideration prior to adopting the final regulations. The final decision will result in the fee to be implemented during the upcoming license renewal.

Follow the instructions enclosed to make written comments during the public comment period. Comments must be addressed to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811 or jun.maiquis@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janey Hovenden".

Janey Hovenden
Director

Encl.

Chapter 02. General Occupational Licensing Functions.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.

12 AAC 02.130 is amended to read:

12 AAC 02.130. Audiologists, hearing aid dealers, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathologist assistants. The following fees are established for audiologists, hearing aid dealers, speech-language pathologists, and speech-language pathologist assistants:

- (1) application fee for initial license or registration, **\$150** [\$50];
- (2) temporary license fee for audiologists or speech-language pathologists, **\$100** [\$25];
- (3) audiologist or speech-language pathologist license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$150** [\$25];
- (4) biennial audiologist or speech-language pathologist license renewal fee, **\$150** [\$25];
- (5) hearing aid dealer license fee for all or part of the initial biennial license period, **\$150** [\$100];
- (6) hearing aid dealer biennial license renewal fee, **\$150** [\$100];
- (7) delinquent fee for delayed renewal, \$50;
- (8) speech-language pathologist assistant registration fee for all or part of the initial biennial registration period, **\$100** [\$25];
- (9) biennial speech-language pathologist assistant registration renewal fee, **\$100** [\$25]. (Eff. 9/27/86, Register 99; am 10/1/88, Register 107; am 5/28/93, Register 126; am 9/11/94, Register 131; am 8/29/98, Register 147; am 11/14/99, Register 152; am 8/10/2000,

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Register 155; am 10/12/2000, Register 156; am 8/26/2004, Register 171; am 1/20/2005, Register 173; am 7/20/2006, Register 179; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority:	AS 08.01.065	AS 08.11.020	AS 08.55.010
	AS 08.11.010	AS 08.11.050	AS 08.55.040