

Senate Study Bill 3088 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating the board of sign language interpreters and
2 transliterators and license requirements for sign language
3 interpreters and transliterators, and including transition
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.1, subsections 3 and 6, Code 2020,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. "*Licensed*" or "*certified*", when applied to a physician
4 and surgeon, podiatric physician, osteopathic physician and
5 surgeon, genetic counselor, physician assistant, psychologist,
6 chiropractor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, dental
7 assistant, optometrist, speech pathologist, audiologist,
8 pharmacist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant,
9 occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant,
10 orthotist, prosthetist, pedorthist, respiratory care
11 practitioner, practitioner of cosmetology arts and sciences,
12 practitioner of barbering, funeral director, dietitian,
13 behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst, marital and
14 family therapist, mental health counselor, respiratory
15 care and polysomnography practitioner, polysomnographic
16 technologist, social worker, massage therapist, athletic
17 trainer, acupuncturist, nursing home administrator, or hearing
18 aid specialist, ~~or sign language interpreter or transliterator~~
19 means a person licensed under [this subtitle](#).

20 6. "*Profession*" means medicine and surgery, podiatry,
21 osteopathic medicine and surgery, genetic counseling, practice
22 as a physician assistant, psychology, chiropractic, nursing,
23 dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, optometry, speech
24 pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, physical
25 therapist assisting, occupational therapy, occupational therapy
26 assisting, respiratory care, cosmetology arts and sciences,
27 barbering, mortuary science, applied behavior analysis, marital
28 and family therapy, mental health counseling, polysomnography,
29 social work, dietetics, massage therapy, athletic training,
30 acupuncture, nursing home administration, practice as a hearing
31 aid specialist, ~~sign language interpreting or transliterating,~~
32 orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics.

33 Sec. 2. Section 147.2, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. A person shall not engage in the practice of medicine

1 and surgery, podiatry, osteopathic medicine and surgery,
2 genetic counseling, psychology, chiropractic, physical
3 therapy, physical therapist assisting, nursing, dentistry,
4 dental hygiene, dental assisting, optometry, speech pathology,
5 audiology, occupational therapy, occupational therapy
6 assisting, orthotics, prosthetics, pedorthics, respiratory
7 care, pharmacy, cosmetology arts and sciences, barbering,
8 social work, dietetics, applied behavior analysis, marital
9 and family therapy or mental health counseling, massage
10 therapy, mortuary science, polysomnography, athletic training,
11 acupuncture, or nursing home administration, ~~or sign language~~
12 ~~interpreting or transliterating~~, or shall not practice as a
13 physician assistant or a hearing aid specialist, unless the
14 person has obtained a license for that purpose from the board
15 for the profession.

16 Sec. 3. Section 147.13, subsection 21, Code 2020, is amended
17 by striking the subsection.

18 Sec. 4. Section 147.14, subsection 1, paragraph u, Code
19 2020, is amended by striking the paragraph.

20 Sec. 5. Section 147.74, subsection 23, Code 2020, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 6. Section 272C.1, subsection 6, paragraph ac, Code
23 2020, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 Sec. 7. REPEAL. Chapter 154E, Code 2020, is repealed.

25 Sec. 8. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

26 1. All moneys in a dedicated fund of the board of sign
27 language interpreters and transliterators shall be transferred
28 to the general fund of the state on the effective date of this
29 Act.

30 2. The property and records in the custody of the board
31 of sign language interpreters and transliterators shall be
32 transferred to the department of administrative services on the
33 effective date of this Act.

34 3. Any cause or action, claim, or obligation against the
35 board of sign language interpreters and transliterators in

1 existence on the effective date of this Act shall not be
2 affected as a result of this Act.

3 4. An administrative hearing or court proceeding arising
4 out of an enforcement action under chapter 154E or related
5 administrative rules pending on the effective date of this Act
6 shall not be affected by this Act. Any cause of action or
7 statute of limitation relating to an action taken by the board
8 of sign language interpreters and transliterators shall not be
9 affected by this Act and such cause of action or statute of
10 limitation shall apply to the department of public health.

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EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill repeals Code chapter 154E, imposing licensing
15 requirements on persons applying to practice sign language
16 interpreting or transliterating in Iowa. The bill also
17 repeals the Code section creating the board of sign language
18 interpreters and transliterators and removes Code references to
19 the board of sign language interpreters and transliterators.
20 The bill includes transition provisions for the disposition
21 of funds and property in the possession of the board of sign
22 language interpreters and transliterators and continues any
23 cause of action, administrative hearing, court proceeding,
24 claim, and obligation against the board of sign language
25 interpreters and transliterators in existence as of the
26 effective date of the bill.