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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides clarification relative to the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.

Present law provides for the practice of audiology to also include audiology services for disorders of the vestibular system upon referral of a physician.

Proposed law removes the referral of a physician provision.

Proposed law permits audiologists to order cultures, blood work testing, and radiographic imaging solely related to the auditory or vestibular conditions in the human ear; and to order and perform in-office non-radiographic testing for the purposes hearing and balance disorder evaluations.

Proposed law prohibits audiologists from performing surgery using instruments including a laser, scalpel, needle, cautery, cryoprobe, or suture, in which human tissue is modified or otherwise permanently altered by mechanical, laser, ionizing radiation, ultrasound, or other means.

Proposed law prohibits audiologists from performing osseointegrated device and cochlear implant surgery.

Proposed law prohibits audiologists from the preparation, operation, or performance of radiographic imaging; or the use or interpretation of cultures, blood work testing, or radiographic imaging to diagnose or treat patients.

(Amends R.S. 37:2651(11)(a) and Adds R.S. 37:2651(11)(e) and (f))