

2020 Legislative Update
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The following bill was enacted by the General Assembly during the 2020 legislative session and may impact the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and/or the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licensees:

DMV may add a deaf or hard of hearing notation to a motor vehicle registration,
[H.3357/Act 125](#)

The Act amends the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) statute Section [56-3-115](#) to allow the DMV to add a notation to a private passenger-carrying motor vehicle registration to indicate that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing. The application for this special motor vehicle registration notation must include an original certificate from a licensed physician, as defined in Section [40-47-5](#), or **licensed audiologist**, as defined in Section [40-67-220](#), that certifies that the applicant has a permanent, uncorrectable hearing loss of forty decibels or more in one or both ears. The 'deaf or hard of hearing' notation would only appear when a law enforcement check is run on the vehicle's license plate through the DMV's online interface with law enforcement to alert the officer that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing.

Effective date: March 24, 2021

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