

April 26, 2016 Legislative Up-date from Judy Simpson

Bills that are still under consideration:

OH: Licensure bill; Heard in committee; Currently working on compromise language with the SLPs

SC: Licensure bill; Passed the Senate; Currently working on compromise language with the SLPs in the House

OK: Licensure bill; Passed the Senate and House; Waiting on Governor's signature

PA: Licensure bill; Informational Hearing held in House; Responding to opposition from SLPs and MFTs

NJ: Licensure bill: Heard in committee; Responding to amendment language requested by SLPs

CT: Licensure bill changed to statutory language option that would recognize the MT-BC as the credential for providing music therapy; still under consideration

Bills that are no longer active and will not carry over to 2017:

CO: Title protection: Did not pass out of committee

MN: Licensure bill: Did not get on the agenda

IA: Licensure bill: Significant opposition from SLPS; Unable to move forward

MO: Licensure bill: Heard in committee but chair did not allow vote

FL: Registry bill: Passed committees but ran out of time to push through entire process

WV: Licensure bill: Introduced late in the session; No time to be reviewed by committee

All of the bills that were actually heard in committees include the exemption language our groups have agreed upon. The only bill we did not approve prior to its introduction was WV and the legislators know the language was not accurate in several places. That bill is dead, so no worries. We did not want it to move forward as it needed a lot of changes!