

I have a few concerns with the change in the law that I would like to share with you today. My first concern is that the past NCAD president and I as the current NCAD president were not aware of the change in the law; we were not informed and contacted for feedback. We have looked over the four support letters that were submitted with the changes and those letters were all written by hearing people. Another concern that I have is a short example. I know of a school/mainstream EIPA interpreter that is a single mother who was delighted that the two year requirement was taken away because now she can interpret in community settings as a backup job to her public school interpreter job but her skills are inadequate for that setting. {There is no rule from the RID or EIPA.}

My concern is that the educational component being taken away and how that could affect the Deaf community as a whole. My understanding is that 90D7B says that some interpreters who already have experience can now qualify for a license but this is only a few, maybe 20 over a few years. The change in the law only benefits a few people. I would prefer that the educational component still be included for these reasons but I guess that it's already changed. That is it for now thank you for your time.