

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 110(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 1/29/10

Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HERRON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the practice and licensing of psychologists."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.86.162 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 08.86.162. Qualifications for associates' examination.** A person is
5 entitled to take a psychological associate examination if the board finds that the person
6 [:]

7 (1) has not engaged in dishonorable conduct related to the practice of
8 counseling or psychometry;

9 (2) holds a master's degree with primary emphasis on psychology from
10 an academic institution whose program of graduate study for a master's degree in
11 psychology meets the criteria established by the board by regulation, with the
12 equivalent of at least 48 semester credit hours of graduate course work directly related
13 to a specialized area of psychology in which licensure is requested, including a
14 practicum; **and**

15 (3) [REPEALED]

(4)] has the recommendation of an immediate supervisor if a licensed psychologist, or two licensed psychologists who hold doctoral degrees [; AND

(5) HAS NOT WITHIN THE PRECEDING SIX MONTHS FAILED AN EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.86.180(b) is amended to read:

(b) This section does not apply to

(1) a person employed as a school psychologist [BY A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR PRIVATE AGENCY WHO MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN SOME PHASE OF WORK OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL NATURE IN THE COURSE OF THE PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT], if the school district [EMPLOYER] maintains appropriate supervision of psychological activities and professional conduct, and if the person is performing the psychological activities as part of the duties for which the person was employed, is performing the activities solely within the facilities of the school district [ORGANIZATION] in which the person is employed or under the supervision of the school district [ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED], and does not render or offer to render psychological services to the public for compensation in addition to the salary the person receives from the school district [ORGANIZATION];

(2) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing psychology while in the discharge of the officer's or employee's official duties;

(3) a student, intern, or resident in psychology pursuing a course of study approved by the board as qualifying training and experience for a psychologist, if that person's activities constitute a part of that person's supervised course of study and that person is designated by titles such as "psychology intern" or "psychology trainee";

(4) [(3)] a qualified member of another profession, in doing work of a psychological nature consistent with that person's training and consistent with the code of ethics of that person's profession, if the person does not hold out to the public by a title or description of services incorporating the words "psychology," "psychological,"

1 "psychologist," "psychometry," "psychotherapy," "psychotherapeutic,"
2 "psychotherapist," "psychoanalysis," or "psychoanalyst" or represent to be trained,
3 experienced, or qualified to render services in the field of psychology; or [.]

4 (4) [REPEALED

5 (5)] a physician engaged in the normal practice of medicine for which
6 the physician is licensed under AS 08.64.