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HB 276 Summary of Changes Version A to Version I

The House Labor and Commerce Committee made changes to HB 276 as a result of collaboration between the Board of Psychology and Psychological Associates and the Alaska Psychological Association.

The following changes were made:

Delete Section 2, lines 18 - 20 and 25 - 27

Eliminated what was Section 2 which amended AS 08.86.130(a) to make it so that the board shall issue a psychology license to a person who has completed at least 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience gained through practicum, internship, or a postdoctoral experience approved by the board, or organized through a combination of those, in place of one year of post-doctoral supervised experienced approved by the board. It also added that the board shall issue a psychologist license to a person who has submitted an application on a form approved by the board that includes a brief written account of the person's education, qualifications, and work history and proof of the person's competence to practice psychology, and provides the documents specified in AS 08.86.130(c).

Delete "three" and "recommendation" in Section 3, line 10:

Deleted "three" and "recommendation" and added letters of reference as established by the board from professional sources in the field of behavioral health familiar with the applicant's clinical level work of the previous five years.

Delete Section 4:

Eliminated what was Section 4 which amended AS 08.86 by adding a new subsection that outlines the qualifications required for the board to issue a part-time psychologist license.

Delete Section 5:

Deleted "initial part-time license" and "part-time license renewal" from the list of fees the department shall set.

Delete "without unreasonable delay" in Section 6, subsection (c), line 9:

Deleted "without reasonable delay" from Section 6, subsection (c) which outlines that the board may investigate an academic program completed by an applicant under (a) of that section, and may deny an application as a result.

Delete “or part time” from Section 7, subsection (a), line 17 and subsection (b), line 23.

Deleted “or part time” from Section 7, subsection (a) line 17 and subsection (b) line 23 which describes a person’s ability to apply for an inactive license.

Delete Section 8:

Eliminated what was Section 8 which amended AS 08.86 by adding a new section that outlines the board’s ability to issue a part-time psychological associate license, the requirements to obtain such license, and the continuing competency requirements that must be met for a person who holds a part-time psychological associate license.

Delete “or part time” from Section 9, subsection (a), line 13, and subsection (b), line 17:

Deleted “or part time license” from Section 9, subsection (a), line 13 which outlines how a person may convert a license to inactive status when renewing the license.

Delete Section 10:

Eliminated Section 10, which amended AS 08.86.180(b) to add a contractor of a tribal organization who is licensed to practice psychology in another state to the list of psychologists who this section does not apply to.

Delete Section 11:

Eliminated Section 11, which amended AS 08.86.180 to add a new subsection that defines “tribal organization” as the meaning given in 25 U.S.C. 5304.