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## AN ACT

Relating to the licensing of psychologists and psychological associates.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 08.86.010 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 86. PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES.

ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND  
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS.

Sec. 08.86.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD.

There is created a Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners. It consists of three licensed psychologists.

\* Sec. 2. AS 08.86.070(3) is amended to read:

(3) after hearing, suspend or revoke the license of a licensed psychologist or psychological associate who violates a regulation of the board;

\* Sec. 3. AS 08.86.070 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) set fees which are charged for psychological associates.

\* Sec. 4. The heading of Article 3 in AS 08.86 is amended to read:

ARTICLE 3. LICENSING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS.

\* Sec. 5. AS 08.86 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3A. LICENSING OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES.

Sec. 08.86.160. ENTITLEMENT TO LICENSURE. A person who passes the examination given by the board is entitled to be licensed as a psychological associate.

Sec. 08.86.162. QUALIFICATION FOR EXAMINATION. A person is entitled to take a psychological associate examination if the board finds that he:

- (1) has not engaged in dishonorable conduct related to the practice of counseling or psychometry;
- (2) holds a master's degree from an accredited or approved educational institution, with at least 24 credit hours of course work directly related to counseling or another specialized area in which licensure is requested, including a practicum;
- (3) has at least three years experience within the past ten years, two of which are in Alaska, and including one year's supervised postgraduate experience acceptable to the board;
- (4) has the recommendation of his immediate supervisor if a licensed psychologist, or two licensed psychologists who hold doctoral degrees;
- (5) has not within the preceding six months failed an examination given by the board.

\* Sec. 6. AS 08.86.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) Unless he is licensed under this chapter, no person may use the title "psychological associate" or a title, designation, or device indicating or tending to indicate that he is a psychological associate or practices counseling or psychometrics.

\* Sec. 7. AS 08.86.180(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) a person employed 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 his employment, provided that the employer maintains appropriate supervision of psychological activities and professional conduct;

\* Sec. 8. AS 08.86 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.86.185. PRACTICE OF COUNSELING AND PSYCHOMETRICS. (a) Unless he is licensed under this chapter, no person may practice counseling or psychometrics, offer to practice counseling or psychometry, or represent to the public that he is a counselor or psychometrist.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a person employed by a governmental unit, educational institution or private agency who may be

required to engage in some phase of work of a counseling nature in the course of his employment, provided that the employer maintains appropriate supervision of psychological activities and professional conduct;

(2) a student, intern or resident in psychology pursuing a course of study approved by the board as qualified training and experience for counseling, if his activities constitute a part of his supervised course of study;

(3) pastoral counselors.

(c) Nothing in this chapter authorizes a person licensed as a psychological associate to engage in the practice of medicine, as defined by the laws of the state.

\* Sec. 9. AS 08.86.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) A licensed psychological associate may practice counseling or psychometry only under his own name.

\* Sec. 10. AS 08.86.200 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.86.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. No psychologist or psychological associate may reveal to another person a communication made to him by a client of his about a matter concerning which the client has employed the psychologist or psychological associate in a professional capacity. This section does not apply to a case conference with other psychologists, psychological associates or with physicians and surgeons, or in the case in which the client in writing authorized the psychologist or psychological associate to reveal a communication.

\* Sec. 11. AS 08.86.210 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.86.210. PENALTY. A person who violates secs. 170, 180, 185, or 190 of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

\* Sec. 12. AS 08.86.230(3) is amended to read:

(3) "board" means the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners;

\* Sec. 13. AS 08.86.230 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(5) "psychological associate" includes a counselor and psychometrist;

(6) "counselor" means a person who practices counseling;

(7) "to practice counseling" means to apply established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking, and emotional relationships to problems of group relations, and behavior adjustment,

(A) counseling and guidance;

(B) using counseling techniques with persons or groups of persons who have adjustment problems in the family, school or at work;

(C) limited use of testing including tests of intelligence or tests of motor skills;

(8) "psychometrist" means a person who practices psychometrics;

(9) "to practice psychometrics" means to apply the recognized principles, methods and procedures of the science and profession of psychology, but limited to the administering, scoring, and interpreting of tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, motor skills and objective tests of personality characteristics for purposes such as psychological evaluation or for educational or vocational selection, guidance or placement;

(10) "private agency" means a clinic or private practice under the direction of a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, or a custodial, rehabilitative or health care organization which is acceptable to the board;

(11) "supervision" means at least one hour a week of personal interview with a supervisor whose educational qualifications are consistent with the level of activity being supervised; a supervisor is responsible for insuring that the extent, kind and quality of the psychological and counseling services performed are consistent with a psychological associate's training and experience, as well as his obedience to the provisions of this chapter.

\* Sec. 14. AS 08.01.010(15) is amended to read:

(15) Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners;

\* Sec. 15. AS 08.86.180(b)(4) is repealed.