

SENATE BILL NO. 177

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 4/15/05

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act eliminating the requirement that persons using titles or descriptions of services**
2 **that incorporate the terms 'psychotherapy,' 'psychotherapeutic,' or 'psychotherapist' be**
3 **licensed by the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 08.86.180(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Unless licensed under this chapter, a person may not practice psychology
7 or hold out publicly as a psychologist or as practicing psychology. A person holds out
8 as a psychologist by using a title or description of services incorporating the words
9 "psychology," "psychological," "psychologist," "psychometry,"
10 ["PSYCHOTHERAPY," "PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC," "PSYCHOTHERAPIST,"]
11 "psychoanalysis," or "psychoanalyst" or when holding out publicly to be trained,
12 experienced, or qualified to render services in the field of psychology.

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

14 (b) This section does not apply to

1 (1) a person employed by a governmental unit, educational institution
 2 or private agency who may be required to engage in some phase of work of a
 3 psychological nature in the course of the person's employment, if the employer
 4 maintains appropriate supervision of psychological activities and professional conduct,
 5 and if the person is performing the psychological activities as part of the duties for
 6 which the person was employed, is performing the activities solely within the facilities
 7 of the organization in which the person is employed or under the supervision of the
 8 organization in which the person is employed, and does not render or offer to render
 9 psychological services to the public for compensation in addition to the salary the
 10 person receives from the organization;

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

16 (3) a qualified member of another profession, in doing work of a
 17 psychological nature consistent with that person's training and consistent with the code
 18 of ethics of that person's profession, if the person does not hold out to the public by a
 19 title or description of services incorporating the words "psychology," "psychological,"
 20 "psychologist," "psychometry," ["PSYCHOTHERAPY,"
 21 "PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC," "PSYCHOTHERAPIST,"] "psychoanalysis," or
 22 "psychoanalyst" or represent to be trained, experienced, or qualified to render services
 23 in the field of psychology; [.]

24 (4) [REPEALED.

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

27 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.86.180(d) is repealed.