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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 343

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to licensure of psycholo-  
7 gists; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 86. PSYCHOLOGISTS.

11 ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS.

12 Sec. 08.86.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD.

13 There is created a Board of Psychologist Examiners. It con-  
14 sists of three licensed psychologists.

15 Sec. 08.86.020. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE. Mem-  
16 bers of the board are appointed by the governor and confirmed  
17 by the legislature for staggered terms of three years. A  
18 member serves at the pleasure of the governor.

19 Sec. 08.86.030. BOARD MEETINGS. The board shall hold  
20 a regular annual meeting. The board may hold special meet-  
21 ings at the call of the chairman or of two board members.

22 Sec. 08.86.040. ASSISTANTS. The board may employ  
23 assistants to prepare and grade examinations and to investi-  
24 gate alleged violations of this chapter.

25 Sec. 08.86.050. TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM. A board  
26 member is entitled to transportation expenses and per diem  
27 allowances specified in AS 39.20.180.

28 ARTICLE 2. ADMINISTRATION OF BOARD AFFAIRS.

29 Sec. 08.86.070. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The board shall

1 (1) pass on qualifications of applicants for  
2 licenses and issue licenses to those who qualify;

3 (2) prepare and grade examinations;

4 (3) after hearing, suspend or revoke the license  
5 of a licensed psychologist who violates a regulation of the  
6 board.

7 Sec. 08.86.080. BOARD REGULATIONS. The board shall  
8 adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

9 Sec. 08.86.090. ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.  
10 The department shall furnish administrative services for the  
11 board.

12 Sec. 08.86.100. APPLICABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 PROCEDURE ACT. The Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62)  
14 applies to regulations and proceedings under this chapter.

15 ARTICLE 3. LICENSING.

16 Sec. 08.86.120. ENTITLEMENT TO LICENSURE. A person  
17 who passes the examination given by the board is entitled to  
18 be licensed as a psychologist.

19 Sec. 08.86.130. QUALIFICATION FOR EXAMINATION. A per-  
20 son is entitled to take an examination if the board finds he

21 (1) has not engaged in dishonorable conduct  
22 relevant to the practice of psychology;

23 (2) holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis  
24 on psychology from an accredited school;

25 (3) has at least one year's experience acceptable  
26 to the board.

27 Sec. 08.86.140. FEES. Each application fee, renewal  
28 fee, and out-of-state license fee is \$15. The fee for a  
29 duplicate license is \$2.

1           Sec. 08.86.150. OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE. A person who is  
2 licensed or certified as a psychologist by an authority other  
3 than Alaska is entitled to be licensed in Alaska without  
4 examination if

5           (1) he holds a doctoral degree with primary  
6 emphasis on psychology from an accredited school; and

7           (2) the examination and qualification requirements  
8 for his out-of-state license or certificate were essentially  
9 similar to the examination and qualification requirements for  
10 licensure in Alaska at the time he was licensed; or

11           (3) he is a diplomate in good standing of the  
12 American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology; and

13           (4) he completes and returns the proper applica-  
14 tion forms, and pays the out-of-state certificate fee.

15           ARTICLE 4. PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES.

16           Sec. 08.86.170. USE OF TITLE. Unless he is licensed  
17 under this chapter, no person may use the title "psychologist"  
18 or any title, designation, or device indicating or tending to  
19 indicate that he is a psychologist or practices psychology.

20           Sec. 08.86.180. PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY. (a) Unless he  
21 is licensed under this chapter, no person may practice  
22 psychology, offer to practice psychology, or represent to  
23 the public that he is a psychologist or that he practices  
24 psychology.

25           (b) This section does not apply to

26           (1) a person employed by a governmental unit or  
27 educational institution in the course of his employment;

28           (2) a student, intern, or resident in psychology  
29 pursuing a course of study approved by the board as qualify-

1 ing training and experience for psychologists, if his  
2 activities constitute a part of his supervised course of  
3 study and he is designated by titles such as "psychology  
4 intern" or "psychology trainee";

5 (3) a qualified member of another profession, such  
6 as a social worker, or pastoral counselor, in doing work of  
7 a psychological nature consistent with his training and con-  
8 sistent with the code of ethics of his profession;

9 (4) a person describing himself as a "social psy-  
10 chologist", if he is verified to be a social psychologist by  
11 the American Sociological Society;

12 (5) a person practicing medicine, if he is  
13 licensed to practice medicine.

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

17 Sec. 08.86.190. NAME UNDER WHICH PERSON PRACTICES. A  
18 licensed psychologist may practice psychology only under his  
19 own name.

20 Sec. 08.86.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. No  
21 psychologist may reveal to another person a communication  
22 made to him by a client of his about a matter concerning  
23 which the client has employed the psychologist in a profes-  
24 sional capacity. This section does not apply to a case con-  
25 ference with other psychologists or with physicians and  
26 surgeons, or in the case in which the client in writing  
27 authorizes the psychologist to reveal a communication.

28 Sec. 08.86.210. PENALTY. A person who violates sec.  
29 170, sec. 180, or sec. 190 of this chapter is guilty of a

1           misdemeanor.

2                           ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

3                           Sec. 08.86.230. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

4                           (1) "psychologist" means a person who practices  
5                           psychology;

6                           (2) "to practice psychology" means to apply  
7                           established principles of learning, motivation, perception,  
8                           thinking, and emotional relationships to problems of person-  
9                           nel evaluation, group relations, and behavior adjustment,  
10                          including

11   (A) counseling and guidance,

12   (B) using psychotherapeutic techniques with  
13                           persons or groups of persons who have adjustment problems  
14                           in the family, at school, or at work,

15   (C) measuring and testing of personality, in-  
16                           telligence, aptitudes, emotions, public opinion, and  
17                           attitudes and skills,

18   (D) conducting research on human behavior;

19                           (3) "board" means the Board of Psychologist  
20                           Examiners;

21                           (4) "department" means the Department of Commerce.

22                          \* Sec. 2. A person who applies for a license under this chapter  
23                          before January 1, 1965, and who pays a fee of \$15 is entitled to  
24                          a license without examination, if the board finds he

25   (1) has never engaged in dishonorable conduct relevant  
26                           to the practice of psychology; and

27   (2) holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis on  
28                           psychology from an accredited school and has had at least one  
29                           year of experience in Alaska in the practice of psychology

1 following receipt of his doctoral degree; or holds a master's  
2 degree or its equivalent with primary emphasis in psychology from  
3 an accredited school and has had at least five years of ex-  
4 perience, including one year in Alaska, in the practice of psy-  
5 chology following receipt of his master's degree or its equivalent.

6 \* Sec. 3. The governor may appoint to the initial board un-  
7 licensed psychologists who are eligible to be licensed under sec.  
8 2 of this Act, and who will have practiced psychology in the state  
9 for at least two years before January 1, 1965.

10 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1964.

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