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SENATE BILL NO. 109

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regulation of the practice of
7 psychology and continuing the existence of the Board
8 of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Ex-
9 aminers; and providing for an effective date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 08.03.010(c)(10) is amended to read:

12 (10) Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate
13 Examiners (AS 08.86.010) -- June 30, 1987 [1982].

14 * Sec. 2. AS 08.86.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

16 (1) establish examination requirements for persons who
17 apply for a license to practice psychology in the state;

18 (2) examine, or cause to be examined, eligible license
19 applicants;

20 (3) approve the issuance of licenses to qualified appli-
21 cants;

22 (4) adopt regulations establishing standards for the prac-
23 tice of psychology;

24 (5) impose disciplinary sanctions as authorized by this
25 chapter;

26 (6) adopt regulations requiring proof of continued compe-
27 tency for license renewal;

28 (7) prepare an annual report for submission to the depart-
29 ment covering board activities, the number of applicants, the number

1 of examinations conducted, the passing and failure rate of each exam-
2 ination, finances, and other information as requested by the depart-
3 ment;

4 (8) review, when requested by the department, the quality
5 and availability of psychological services in the state;

6 (9) compile information for submission to the department on
7 the practice of psychology by psychologists and psychological associ-
8 ates in the state;

9 (10) adopt regulations establishing educational and training
10 requirements for psychological associates licensed under this chapter;

11 (11) adopt regulations necessary to carry out its duties
12 under this chapter.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 08.86.150(1) is amended to read:

14 (1) the person holds a doctoral degree with primary empha-
15 sis on psychology from an accredited school with an approved program;

16 * Sec. 4. AS 08.86.180(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Unless licensed under this chapter, a person may not prac-
18 tice psychology or hold out publicly as a psychologist or as practic-
19 ing psychology. A person holds out as a psychologist by using a title
20 or description of services incorporating the words "psychology",
21 "psychological", "psychologist", "psychometry", "psychometrics",
22 "psychometrist", "psychological counseling", "psychological coun-
23 selor", ["PSYCHOTHERAPY", "PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC", "PSYCHOTHERAPIST",]
24 "psychoanalysis" or "psychoanalyst", or when holding out publicly to
25 be trained, experienced or qualified to render services in the field
26 of psychology.

27 * Sec. 5. AS 08.86.180(b)(3) is amended to read:

28 (3) a qualified member of another profession, such as
29 social worker, drug or alcohol abuse counselor, or pastoral counselor,

1 in doing work of a psychological nature consistent with that person's
2 training and consistent with the code of ethics of that person's
3 profession, if the person does not hold out to the public by a title
4 or description of services incorporating the words "psychology",
5 "psychological", "psychologist", "psychometry", "psychometrics",
6 "psychometrist", ["PSYCHOTHERAPIST",] "psychoanalysis", "psycho-
7 analyst" or represents to be trained, experienced or qualified to
8 render services in the field of psychology;

9 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
10 10.070(c).