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SENATE BILL NO. 251

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH 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 providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 08.86.070 is amended to read:

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

11 (1) establish objective examination requirements for per-
12 sons who apply for a license to practice psychology in the state;

13 (2) examine, or cause to be examined, eligible license
14 applicants;

15 (3) approve the issuance of licenses to qualified appli-
16 cants;

17 (4) adopt regulations establishing standards for the prac-
18 tice of psychology;

19 (5) impose disciplinary sanctions as authorized by this
20 chapter;

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

23 (7) prepare an annual report for submission to the depart-
24 ment covering board activities, the number of applicants, the number
25 of examinations conducted, the passing and failure rate of each ex-
26 amination, finances, and other information as requested by the depart-
27 ment;

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

1 (9) compile information for submission to the department on
2 the practice of psychology by psychologists and psychological associ-
3 ates in the state [;

4 (10) ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING
5 REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES LICENSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER;

6 (11) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES
7 UNDER THIS CHAPTER].

8 * Sec. 2. AS 08.86.130 is repealed and reenacted to read:

9 Sec. 08.86.130. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. (a) The board shall
10 issue a license to a person who

11 (1) holds an earned doctorate degree from an accredited
12 academic institution or an academic institution approved by the board
13 in

14 (A) psychology;

15 (B) educational psychology;

16 (C) education with the field of specialization in
17 counseling psychology or educational psychology; or

18 (D) a subject considered equivalent by the board.

19 (2) has one year of post doctoral experience approved by
20 the board; and

21 (3) takes and passes the objective examination developed or
22 approved by the board.

23 (b) The board may not deny recognition as an accredited or
24 approved academic institution to an educational institution solely
25 because its program has not been accredited by a professional organi-
26 zation of psychologists.

27 * Sec. 3. AS 08.86.135 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 08.86.135. TEMPORARY LICENSE. The board may issue a tempo-
29 rary license to a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.86.130-

1 (a)(1) and (2) [AS 08.86.130]. A temporary license issued under this
2 section is valid until the results of the examination following the
3 issuance of the temporary license are published.

4 * Sec. 4. AS 08.86.150 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 08.86.150. LICENSE BY CREDENTIALS. A person who is li-
6 censed or certified as a psychologist by an authority other than the
7 state [ALASKA] is entitled to be licensed in the state [ALASKA] with-
8 out examination if the person applies on the proper application form,
9 submits proof of continued competence as required by regulation of the
10 board, pays the credential review fee, and

11 (1) the person holds a doctoral degree with primary
12 emphasis on psychology from an academic institution approved by the
13 board and [ACCREDITED SCHOOL WITH AN APPROVED PROGRAM];

14 (2) the examination and qualification requirements for the
15 person's out-of-state license or certificate were essentially similar
16 to or higher than the examination and qualification requirements for
17 licensure under this chapter; or

18 (2) [(3)] the person is a diplomate in good standing of
19 the American Board of [EXAMINERS IN] Professional Psychology [;

20 (4) THE PERSON COMPLETES AND RETURNS THE PROPER APPLICATION
21 FORMS, SUBMITS PROOF OF CONTINUED COMPETENCY AS REQUIRED BY REGULATION
22 OF THE BOARD, AND PAYS THE CREDENTIAL REVIEW FEE].

23 * Sec. 5. AS 08.86.162 is amended to read:

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

27 (1) has not engaged in dishonorable conduct related to the
28 practice of counseling or psychometry;

29 (2) holds a master's degree with primary emphasis on

1 psychology from an academic institution approved by the board
2 [ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH HAS AN APPROVED PROGRAM],
3 with the equivalent of at least 24 semester credit hours of graduate
4 course work directly related to a specialized area of psychology in
5 which licensure is requested, including a practicum;

6 (3) has two [AT LEAST THREE] years' supervised experience
7 after obtaining a master's degree [WITHIN THE PAST TEN YEARS]; as used
8 in this paragraph, "supervised experience" means the equivalent of at
9 least one hour a week of personal interview with a supervisor whose
10 educational qualifications are consistent with the level of activity
11 being supervised;

12 (4) has the recommendation of an immediate supervisor if a
13 licensed psychologist, or two licensed psychologists who hold doctoral
14 degrees; and

15 (5) has not within the preceding six months failed an
16 examination given by the board.

17 * Sec. 6. AS 08.86.120 and 08.86.230(11) are repealed.

18 * Sec. 7. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
19 10.070(c).