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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 251 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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 AS 08.86.130 is repealed and reenacted to read: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 academic

12 institution whose program of graduate study for a doctorate degree in

13 psychology meets the criteria established by the board by regulation,

14 in

- 15                   (A) psychology;
- 16                   (B) educational psychology;
- 17                   (C) education with the field of specialization in
- 18 counseling psychology or educational psychology; or
- 19                   (D) a subject considered equivalent by the board.

20           (2) has one year of post doctoral experience approved by

21 the board; and

22           (3) takes and passes the objective examination developed or

23 approved by the board.

24           (b) The board may not deny recognition as an accredited or

25 approved academic institution to an educational institution solely

26 because its program has not been accredited by a professional organi-

27 zation of psychologists.

28 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.86.135 is amended to read:

29           Sec. 08.86.135. TEMPORARY LICENSE. The board may issue a

1 temporary license to a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.86.-  
2 130-(a)(1) and (2) [AS 08.86.130]. A temporary license issued under  
3 this section is valid until the results of the examination following  
4 the issuance of the temporary license are published.

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

6 Sec. 08.86.150. LICENSE BY CREDENTIALS. A person who is li-  
7 censed or certified as a psychologist by a licensing [AN] authority  
8 other than the state [ALASKA] is entitled to be licensed in the state  
9 [ALASKA] without examination if the person applies on the proper  
10 application form, submits proof of continued competence as required by  
11 regulation of the board, pays the credential review fee, and

12 (1) the person holds a doctoral degree with primary empha-  
13 sis on psychology that satisfies the requirements of AS 08.86.130 and  
14 [FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL WITH AN APPROVED PROGRAM;

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

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

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

24 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.86.162 is amended to read:

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

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

1 (2) holds a master's degree with primary emphasis on psy-  
2 chology from an academic institution whose program of graduate study  
3 for a master's degree in psychology meets the criteria established by  
4 the board by regulation [ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH HAS  
5 AN APPROVED PROGRAM], with the equivalent of at least 24 semester  
6 credit hours of graduate course work directly related to a specialized  
7 area of psychology in which licensure is requested, including a prac-  
8 ticum;

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

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

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

20 \* Sec. 6. AS 08.86.164 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (e) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, a psychological associ-  
22 ate who has completed at least five years of licensed practice under  
23 this section may petition the board for certification to practice  
24 without supervision. The board shall grant the petition if the  
25 associate satisfies the criteria established by the board by regula-  
26 tion.

27 \* Sec. 7. AS 08.86.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a psychologist or  
29 psychological associate shall report incidents of child abuse or

1 neglect as required by AS 47.17.020.

2 \* Sec. 8. REGULATIONS. The board shall submit proposed permanent  
3 regulations establishing the requirements for graduate programs in psychol-  
4 ogy under AS 08.86.130 as amended by sec. 2 of this Act and AS 08.86.162 as  
5 amended by sec. 5 of this Act and establishing the criteria for practice  
6 without supervision under AS 08.86.164(e) as added by sec. 6 of this Act to  
7 the legislature no later than the 10th day of the First Session of the  
8 Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature. Notwithstanding AS 44.62, the perma-  
9 nent regulations adopted under AS 08.86.130, 08.86.162, and 08.86.164(e)  
10 take effect on the 60th day of the First Session of the Fifteenth Alaska  
11 State Legislature unless a law is enacted disapproving the regulations  
12 before that day.

13 \* Sec. 9. AS 08.86.120 and 08.86.230(11) are repealed.

14 \* Sec. 10. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
15 10.070(c).