
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 334-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§334-4 Personnel for mental health program.** The director
4 shall appoint professional and nonprofessional staff as the
5 director deems necessary to carry out the state mental health
6 program and for which appropriations are available. Positions
7 for psychiatrists and psychologists are exempted from chapter
8 76. The director may employ psychiatrists and psychologists as
9 needed by the department on a contractual basis, subject to the
10 approval of the governor. The director may appoint an
11 administrator, three associate administrators, a director of
12 psychosocial rehabilitation, a chief of the department of
13 nursing, a risk manager, a patients' rights advisor, and a
14 facilities plant engineer for the state hospital or a secure
15 psychiatric rehabilitation facility established pursuant to this
16 chapter and these positions shall be exempt from chapter 76."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Mental Health Program; Positions; Appointment;
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Description:

Authorizes the director of health to appoint psychologists to fill staff positions for the state mental health program.

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