

ACT 99

S.B. NO. 600

A Bill for an Act Relating to Practicing Psychologists.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 465-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§465-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (1) “Board” means the board of certification for practicing psychologists.
- (2) “Director” means the director of regulatory agencies.
- (3) “Application fee”, “renewal fee”, “temporary permit fee”, and “examination fee” mean the fees in the schedule set forth in section 465-12.
- (4) “Psychologist” means a person who engages in the practice of psychology as hereinafter defined.

- (5) A person practices "psychology" who performs any professional service which consists of, requires, and is limited to the application of psychological principles, techniques, and instruments for the purpose of assessment, diagnosis and treatment of significant behavioral, emotional and mental disorders as defined by the most current diagnostic manual of the American Psychiatric Association; and for the purpose of the assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitation of organic brain syndromes."

SECTION 2. Section 465-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§465-13 Denial, suspension, revocation of certificate. The board of certification for practicing psychologists shall refuse to grant a certificate to any applicant and may revoke or suspend any certificate upon any of the following grounds:

- (1) Professional misconduct or gross carelessness or manifest incapacity in the practice of psychology;
- (2) Habitual use of narcotic drugs or any other substance which impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent as to incapacitate the applicant or certificate holder for the practice of psychology;
- (3) Habitual drunkenness;
- (4) Violation of this chapter;
- (5) Any unethical practice of psychology as defined by the board in accordance with its own rules and regulations."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 8, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.