

ACT 37

S.B. NO. 1507

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Licensure Examination Requirements for Psychologists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 465-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§465-6 Powers and duties.** In addition to any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board shall:

- (1) Examine the qualifications of applicants for licensing under this chapter to determine their eligibility for licensing as psychologists [and forward to the director the names of applicants who are eligible for licensing no later than ninety days after the date of application];
- (2) [Prepare, administer,] Administer and grade examinations [and tests] for applicants as may be required for the purposes of this chapter. The board shall determine the [scope and length of the] examinations [and tests, whether they shall be oral, written, or both] and the score that shall be deemed a passing score. Examinations [must] shall be scheduled at least once annually;
- (3) Keep a record of action taken on all applicants for licensing; the names of all persons licensed; petitions for temporary permits; actions involving suspension, revocation, or denial of licenses; decisions on waiver of examination in whole or in part and receipt and disbursal of any moneys; and
- (4) Adopt, amend, and repeal pursuant to chapter 91, rules as it deems proper for the purposes of this chapter.”

SECTION 2. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Every applicant for a license as a psychologist shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant for licensure shall possess a doctoral degree from a professional psychology training program, awarded by an institution of higher education, or from a regionally accredited institution;
- (2) The applicant for licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant has completed two years of supervised experience in health service in psychology, of which at least one year is an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program, and one year is post doctoral; and
- (3) The applicant for licensure has passed [an] a written examination as may be prescribed by the board.”

SECTION 3. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) A license may be issued to a senior psychologist who satisfies subsection (a)(1) and (2), and the following:

- (1) Holds a valid and current license in another jurisdiction in which the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology was not required for licensure at the time of licensure;
- (2) Before application in this jurisdiction, has been licensed as a psychologist for at least twenty years in a United States or Canadian jurisdiction where that license was based on a doctoral degree;
- (3) Has had no disciplinary sanction against the person’s license in any jurisdiction during the entire period of being licensed as a psychologist;
- (4) Has passed [this jurisdiction’s examination] an open book examination in jurisprudence; and
- (5) Has submitted the application and fees as required.”

SECTION 4. Section 465-7.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) A psychologist providing diagnostic or treatment services in a clinical psychologist civil service position shall be licensed under this chapter; provided that a psychologist employed in a clinical psychologist position with a government agency in this State prior to January 1, 1988, shall be eligible for licensure subject to:

- (1) Meeting the requirements of section [465-7(1)] 465-7(a)(1) and [(4);] (3); provided that the examination requirement shall be limited to the state jurisprudence open book examination;
- (2) Holding or having held the nonemergency hire position for two years; and
- (3) Obtaining licensure before June 30, 1990.”

SECTION 5. Section 465-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The board may recommend licensing without written [or oral] examination of an applicant who has not previously failed to pass an examination in psychology prescribed by the board and who submits evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is certified or licensed, and in good standing, to practice psychology in another state deemed by the board to have standards equivalent to this chapter.”

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SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 22, 1997.)