

ACT 79

H.B. NO. 1161

A Bill for an Act Relating to Psychologist Licensing Requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§465-7 Requirements for licensing. (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) An American Psychological Association approved program in clinical psychology; or
 - (B) 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 one year of post doctoral supervised experience in health service in psychology, and:
 - (A) An internship approved by the American Psychological Association; or
 - (B) One year of supervised experience in health service in psychology, in an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program; and
- (3) The applicant for licensure has passed ~~[a written]~~ an examination as may be prescribed by the board.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a license may be issued to an applicant who holds [a]:

- (1) A diplomate certificate in good standing granted by the American Board of Professional Psychology[-];
- (2) A current Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards; or
- (3) A current National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology credential.

(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 or in a jurisdiction in which the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology was required and the applicant obtained a score that was equal to or higher than the board's passing score at the time the applicant sat for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology;
- (2) Before application in this jurisdiction, has been licensed as a psychologist for at least twenty years in United States or Canadian jurisdictions where that license was based on a doctoral degree. The total of twenty years shall be obtained by counting sequential, not concurrent, years of licensure;
- (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 an open book examination in jurisprudence;]~~ and
- ~~[(5)]~~ (4) Has submitted the application and fees as required."

SECTION 2. Section 465-7.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§465-7.6 Licensure of state employed clinical psychologists. (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(a)(1) and (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.~~

~~(b) A psychologist employed in a civil service clinical psychologist position in this State after January 1, 1988, shall be licensed subject to:~~

- ~~(1) Meeting the requirements of section 465-7; and~~
- ~~(2) Obtaining licensure within two years from the date of employment.~~

~~[(e)]~~ (b) After the time period ~~[of subsections (a)(3) or (b)(2)]~~ in subsection (a)(2) has expired, a psychologist, employed in a civil service clinical psychologist position rendering diagnostic or treatment services, who has not obtained a license, shall immediately cease and desist the practice of psychology until a license is obtained pursuant to this chapter."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved May 21, 2003.)