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SENATE BILL 377

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY; AMENDING THE EXPERIENCE
REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST
ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-9-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,
Chapter 92, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-9-11. LICENSURE--EXAMINATION.--

A. The board shall issue a license as a
psychologist to an applicant who files an application upon a
form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by
the fee required by the Professional Psychologist Act, and who
furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
applicant:

(1) has reached the age of majority;

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1 (2) is of good moral character;

2 (3) is not in violation of any of the
3 provisions of the Professional Psychologist Act and the rules
4 adopted pursuant to that act;

5 (4) is a graduate of:

6 (a) a doctoral program that is
7 designated as a doctoral program in psychology by a nationally
8 recognized designation system or that is accredited by a
9 nationally recognized accreditation body and holds a degree
10 with a major in clinical, counseling or school psychology from
11 a university offering a full-time course of study in
12 psychology; or

13 (b) a doctoral program outside the
14 United States or Canada that is equivalent to a program in
15 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph and holds a degree with a
16 major in clinical, counseling or school psychology from a
17 university offering a full-time course of study in psychology;
18 the board shall promulgate by rule a list of board-approved
19 credential inspection and verification services to appraise
20 foreign degree programs;

21 (5) has had

22 ~~[(a) a predoctoral internship approved~~
23 ~~by the American psychological association and one year of~~
24 ~~supervised professional training after receiving the doctoral~~
25 ~~degree;~~

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1 promulgated by the association of state and provincial
2 psychology boards with a total raw score of 140 (seventy
3 percent), before January 1, 1993 or, if after January 1, 1993,
4 a score equal to or greater than the passing score recommended
5 by the association of state and provincial psychology boards;

6 (7) demonstrates an awareness and knowledge of
7 New Mexico cultures as determined by the board; and

8 (8) passes such jurisprudence examination as
9 may be given by the board through an online testing and scoring
10 mechanism.

11 B. Upon investigation of the application and other
12 evidence submitted, including a criminal background check, the
13 board shall, not less than thirty days prior to the
14 examination, notify each applicant that the application and
15 evidence submitted for licensure are satisfactory and accepted
16 or unsatisfactory and rejected. If rejected, the notice shall
17 state the reasons for rejection.

18 C. The place of examination shall be designated in
19 advance by the board, and examinations shall be given at such
20 time and place and under such supervision as the board may
21 determine.

22 D. In the event an applicant fails to receive a
23 passing grade, the applicant may apply for reexamination and
24 shall be allowed to take a subsequent examination upon payment
25 of the fee required by the Professional Psychologist Act.

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E. The board shall keep a record of all examinations, and the grade assigned to each, as part of its records for at least two years subsequent to the date of examination."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.