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(By Mr. SPEAKER, Mr. McMANUS)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections seven, eight and nine, article twenty-one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to qualifications of applicants; exceptions; applications; fees; issuance of license; renewal of license; renewal fee; display of license; and temporary permits of psychologists.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections seven, eight and nine, article twenty-one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PSYCHOLOGISTS.

§30-21-7. Qualifications of applicants; exceptions; applications; fee.

- 1 (a) To be eligible for a license to engage in the prac-
- 2 tice of psychology, the applicant must:
- 3 (1) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- 4 (2) Be of good moral character;
- 5 (3) Be a holder of a doctor of philosophy degree or
- 6 its equivalent or a master's degree in psychology from
- 7 an accredited institution of higher learning, with ade-
- 8 quate course study at such institution in psychology,
- 9 the adequacy of any such course study to be determined
- 10 by the board;

11 (4) When the degree held is a doctor of philosophy
12 degree or its equivalent, have at least two years' experi-
13 ence subsequent to receiving said degree in the per-
14 formance of any of the psychological services described
15 in subdivision (e), section two of this article, including
16 those activities excluded from the definition of the term
17 "practice of psychology" in said subdivision (e), and,
18 when the degree held is a master's degree, have at least
19 eight years' experience subsequent to receiving said de-
20 gree in the performance of any of the psychological
21 services described in said subdivision (e), including those
22 activities excluded from the definition of the term "prac-
23 tice of psychology" in said subdivision (e);

24 (5) Have passed the examination prescribed by the
25 board, which examination shall cover the basic subject
26 matter of psychology and psychological skills and tech-
27 niques;

28 (6) Not have been convicted of a felony or crime in-
29 volving moral turpitude; and

30 (7) Not, within the next preceding six months, have
31 taken and failed to pass the examination required by
32 subdivision (5), subsection (a) of this section.

33 (b) The following persons shall be eligible for a
34 license to engage in the practice of psychology without
35 examination:

36 (1) Any applicant who holds a doctor of philosophy
37 degree or its equivalent from an institution of higher
38 learning, with adequate course study at such institution
39 in psychology and who is a diplomate of the "American
40 Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology";
41 and

42 (2) Any person who holds a license or certificate to
43 engage in the practice of psychology issued by any
44 other state, the requirements for which license or cer-
45 tificate are found by the board to be at least as great
46 as those provided in this article.

47 (c) Any person who is engaged in the practice of
48 psychology in this state, or is engaged in any of the
49 activities described in subdivisions (1), (2) or (3), sub-
50 division (e), section two of this article, in this state, on
51 the effective date of this article and has been so en-

52 gaged for a period of two consecutive years immediately
53 prior thereto shall be eligible for a license to engage
54 in the practice of psychology without examination and
55 without meeting the requirements of subdivision (4),
56 subsection (a) of this section, if application for such
57 license is made within six months after the effective
58 date of this article and if such person meets the re-
59 quirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (6), sub-
60 section (a) of this section: *Provided*, That an equivalent
61 of a masters degree in psychology may be considered by
62 the board, only for the purpose of this subsection (c), as
63 meeting the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsec-
64 tion (a) of this section.

65 (d) Any applicant for any such license shall submit
66 an application therefor at such time (subject to the time
67 limitation set forth in subsection (c) of this section),
68 in such manner, on such forms and containing such in-
69 formation as the board may from time to time by rea-
70 sonable rule and regulation prescribe, and pay to the
71 board an application fee of fifty dollars, not refundable.

**§30-21-8. Issuance of license; renewal of license; renewal fee;
display of license.**

1 Whenever the board finds that an applicant meets all
2 of the requirements of this article for a license to engage
3 in the practice of psychology, it shall forthwith issue to
4 him such license; and otherwise the board shall deny the
5 same. The license shall be valid for a period of two years
6 from the date issued and may be renewed for a period of
7 two years without examination upon application for
8 renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment
9 to the board of a renewal fee of thirty dollars: *Provided*,
10 That the board may deny an application for renewal for
11 any reason which would justify the denial of an original
12 application for a license. The board shall prescribe the
13 form of licenses and each license shall be conspicuously
14 displayed by the licensee at his principal place of practice.

§30-21-9. Temporary permits.

1 (a) Upon proper application the board may issue,
2 without examination, a temporary permit to engage in
3 the practice of psychology in this state:

4 (1) Pending examination, to an applicant who meets
5 the qualifications of subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (6)
6 and (7), subsection (a), section seven of this article,
7 which temporary permit shall expire thirty days after
8 the board gives written notice of the results of the exami-
9 nation held next following the issuance of such temporary
10 permit, and such permit may not be renewed nor another
11 thereof issued to the same person; and

12 (2) To a psychologist who is not a resident of this
13 state and who meets the requirements of subdivisions
14 (1), (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7), subsection (a), section
15 seven of this article, which temporary permit shall be
16 valid only for a period of ninety days in the calendar year
17 in which issued, and such permit may not be renewed
18 nor another thereof issued to the same person in the same
19 calendar year.

20 (b) The fee for any temporary permit shall be fifty
21 dollars.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *7th*
March day of _____, 1972.

Arch A. Thomas Jr.
Governor



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