WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1972

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 576

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Keaton)

PASSED February 28, 1972

In Effect from Passage
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 practice of psychology, the applicant must:
2 (1) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
3 (2) Be of good moral character;
4 (3) Be a holder of a doctor of philosophy degree or its equivalent or a master's degree in psychology from an accredited institution of higher learning, with adequate course study at such institution in psychology, the adequacy of any such course study to be determined by the board;
(4) When the degree held is a doctor of philosophy degree or its equivalent, have at least two years' experience subsequent to receiving said degree in the performance of any of the psychological services described in subdivision (e), section two of this article, including those activities excluded from the definition of the term "practice of psychology" in said subdivision (e), and, when the degree held is a master's degree, have at least eight years' experience subsequent to receiving said degree in the performance of any of the psychological services described in said subdivision (e), including those activities excluded from the definition of the term "practice of psychology" in said subdivision (e);

(5) Have passed the examination prescribed by the board, which examination shall cover the basic subject matter of psychology and psychological skills and techniques;

(6) Not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; and

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

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

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

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

(c) Any person who is engaged in the practice of psychology in this state, or is engaged in any of the activities described in subdivisions (1), (2) or (3), subdivision (e), section two of this article, in this state, on the effective date of this article and has been so en-
gaged for a period of two consecutive years immediately prior thereto shall be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of psychology without examination and without meeting the requirements of subdivision (4), subsection (a) of this section, if application for such license is made within six months after the effective date of this article and if such person meets the requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (6), subsection (a) of this section. Provided, That an equivalent of a masters degree in psychology may be considered by the board, only for the purpose of this subsection (c), as meeting the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Any applicant for any such license shall submit an application therefor at such time (subject to the time limitation set forth in subsection (c) of this section), in such manner, on such forms and containing such information as the board may from time to time by reasonable rule and regulation prescribe, and pay to the board an application fee of fifty dollars, not refundable.

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

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


(a) Upon proper application the board may issue, without examination, a temporary permit to engage in the practice of psychology in this state:
(1) Pending examination, to an applicant who meets the qualifications of subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7), subsection (a), section seven of this article, which temporary permit shall expire thirty days after the board gives written notice of the results of the examination held next following the issuance of such temporary permit, and such permit may not be renewed nor another thereof issued to the same person; and

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

(b) The fee for any temporary permit shall be fifty dollars.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within... Approved this the 7th day of March, 1972.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/3/72
Time 11:18 a.m.

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