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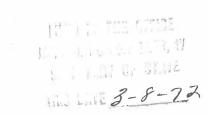
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HOUSE BILL No. 576

(By Mr. SPEAKER, Mr. M. M. MANUS)

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[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 prac-2 tice of psychology, the applicant must:
 - (1) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
 - (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;

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- 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 in subdivision (e), section two of this article, including 15 16 those activities excluded from the definition of the term "practice of psychology" in said subdivision (e), and, 17 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 activities excluded from the definition of the term "practice 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 techniques;
- 28 (6) Not have been convicted of a felony or crime in-29 volving 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:
- 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 certificate 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-

- 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 equavalent 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.

§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:

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- (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 examination held next following the issuance of such temporary permit, and such permit may not be renewed nor another 11 thereof issued to the same person; and
- (2) To a psychologist who is not a resident of this 13 state and who meets the requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (6) and (7), subsection (a), section 14 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 cerrectly enrolled.

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