

No. 1988-88

AN ACT

SB 1176

Amending the act of April 25, 1986 (P.L.89, No.33), entitled "An act amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), entitled 'An act relating to the practice of psychology, providing for licensing of psychologists, making certain acts illegal and providing penalties,' reestablishing the State Board of Psychologist Examiners as the State Board of Psychology; providing for its composition, powers and duties; changing provisions relating to the issuance of licenses and the suspension and revocation of licenses; providing for fees; providing for penalties; and making repeals," further providing for the issuance of licenses.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 20 of the act of April 25, 1986 (P.L.89, No.33), entitled "An act amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), entitled 'An act relating to the practice of psychology, providing for licensing of psychologists, making certain acts illegal and providing penalties,' reestablishing the State Board of Psychologist Examiners as the State Board of Psychology; providing for its composition, powers and duties; changing provisions relating to the issuance of licenses and the suspension and revocation of licenses; providing for fees; providing for penalties; and making repeals," is amended to read:

Section 20. To provide a transition period *[to] for persons who [are substantially near completion of the requirements] had completed or were enrolled in a graduate degree program in psychology or another of the behavioral sciences as of September 30, 1986,* to apply for licensure under rules in existence immediately prior to the effective date of this act, the board, until December 31, 1995, shall issue initial licenses to persons *[who do not have a doctoral degree but] who:*

(1) *[by September 30, 1986,] by December 31, 1994,* submitted evidence in a manner prescribed by the board of having, *as of September 30, 1986,* completed or *[of being] been* then currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in psychology *or another of the behavioral sciences;* and

(2) have completed three years of supervised experience as a psychologist-in-training, 3,500 hours of which shall have been supervised by a licensed psychologist in accordance with the requirements of the board; and

(3) have fulfilled all administrative requirements of the board *as of December 31, 1994,* and possessed all of the other qualifications for licensure in effect at the time of the examination; and

(4) have satisfactorily passed the examination.

Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to April 25, 1986.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July, A. D. 1988.

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