

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 670
HOUSE BILL 644

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 18A OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
CONTROLLING LICENSING OF PRACTICING PSYCHOLOGISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-270.2(f), as it appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended by deleting the period after the word, "supervision", and by adding the following:

"in accordance with the duly adopted rules and regulations of the board."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-270.3 is amended by deleting the third sentence beginning with the word, "In", on line 12 and ending with the word, "client", on line 15 which reads as follows:

"In rendering psychotherapy in any form, the licensed practicing psychologist or psychological examiner shall develop liaison, communication, and meaningful collaboration with a physician, duly licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, designated by the client."

Sec. 3. G.S. 90-270.4, as it appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended as follows:

(1) G.S. 90-270.4(a) is amended on line 10 after the word "remuneration" by deleting the period and adding the following:

"so long as such activities do not involve the practice of psychology as defined in this Article."

(2) G.S. 90-270.4(e) is amended by rewriting that subsection to read as follows:

"(e) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or restrict physicians and surgeons or optometrists authorized to practice under the laws of North Carolina or to restrict qualified members of other professional groups who render counseling and other helping services including counselors, clergymen, social workers, and other similar professions, or to restrict qualified members of any other professional groups in the practice of their respective professions, provided they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that they are practicing psychologists or psychological examiners, or are licensed to practice psychology."

Sec. 4. G.S. 90-270.5 is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(f) An applicant for licensure as a practicing psychologist or as a psychological examiner, who meets all requirements for licensure except having passed the examination, may be issued a temporary license after receiving the degree required by G.S. 90-270.11 until he or she can take the next regularly scheduled examination and can be notified of the results."

Sec. 5. G.S. 90-270.6, as it appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended as follows:

(1) By deleting the sentence beginning on line 4 and ending on line 6 of that section which reads as follows:

"At all times the board shall be composed of at least two members primarily engaged in graduate teaching or research in psychology and at least two members primarily engaged in rendering services in psychology."

(2) By deleting the third sentence of that section beginning on line 7 with the words, "At all times three members" and ending on line 8 with the words, "under this Article.", and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"At all times four members shall be licensed practicing psychologists, and the fifth shall be either a licensed psychological examiner or a licensed practicing psychologist."

(3) By rewriting the fourth sentence of that section, beginning on line 8 to read as follows:

"Due consideration shall also be given to the adequate representation of the various fields and areas of practice of psychology."

(4) By deleting all of the fifth sentence after the words, "three years", and substituting in lieu thereof a period and by deleting all of the sixth and seventh sentences of that section beginning with the words, "Within 30 days after July 1, 1967,", and ending with the words, "as members of the board."

Sec. 6. G.S. 90-270.7 is amended by rewriting subdivision (2) to read as follows:

"(2) He shall hold a doctoral or master's degree in psychology;"

Sec. 7. G.S. 90-270.11 is amended as follows:

(1) By rewriting subdivision (a)(1)c. to read as follows:

"Has received his doctoral degree based on a planned and directed program of studies, the content of which was psychological in nature, from an accredited educational institution; and subsequent to receiving his doctoral degree has had at least two years of acceptable and appropriate supervised experience germane to his area of practice as a psychologist."

(2) By rewriting subdivision (b)(1)c. to read as follows: "c. Has received a master's degree in psychology from an accredited educational institution;"

Sec. 8. G.S. 90-270.12 is repealed.

Sec. 9. G.S. 90-270.15(a), as it appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended as follows:

(1) By adding on line 2 after the word, "refused", and before the words, "or revoked", the following: ", suspended,".

(2) By adding a new subdivision (5) to read as follows: "(5) Has violated any provision of this Article or of the duly adopted rules and regulations of the board."

Sec. 10. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 22nd day of June, 1977.