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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-270.5(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) All individuals who have yet to apply and who are practicing or offering to practice psychology in North Carolina, and all applicants who are practicing or offering to practice psychology in North Carolina, shall at all times comply with supervision requirements established by the Board. The Board shall specify in its rules the format, setting, content, time frame, amounts of supervision, qualifications of supervisors, disclosure of supervisory relationships, the organization of the supervised experience, and the nature of the responsibility assumed by the supervisor. Individuals shall be supervised for all activities comprising the practice of psychology until they have met the following conditions:

(1) For licensed psychologist applicants, until they have passed the examination to which they have been admitted by the Board, have been notified of the results, have completed supervision requirements specified in subsection (d) of this section, and have been informed by the Board of permanent licensure as a licensed psychologist; or

1 (2) For licensed psychological associate applicants, until they have passed
2 the examination to which they have been admitted by the Board, have
3 been notified of the results, and have been informed by the Board of
4 permanent licensure as a licensed psychological associate, after which
5 time supervision is required only for those activities specified in
6 subsection (e) of this ~~section~~section when performed by licensed
7 psychological associates who are not exempt from supervision as
8 provided in G.S. 90-270.5(e1)."

9 Section 2. G.S. 90-270.5(e) reads as rewritten:

10 "(e) A licensed psychological ~~associate~~associate, who is not exempt from
11 supervision as provided in G.S. 90-270.5(e1), shall be supervised by a qualified licensed
12 psychologist, or other qualified professionals, in accordance with Board rules specifying
13 the format, setting, content, time frame, amounts of supervision, qualifications of
14 supervisors, disclosure of supervisory relationships, the organization of the supervised
15 experience, and the nature of the responsibility assumed by the supervisor. A licensed
16 psychological ~~associate~~associate, who is not exempt from supervision as provided in G.S.
17 90-270.5(e1) and who provides health services shall be supervised, for those activities
18 requiring supervision, by a qualified licensed psychologist or licensed psychological
19 associate holding health services provider certification or by other qualified professionals
20 under the overall direction of a qualified licensed psychologist or licensed psychological
21 associate holding health services provider certification, in accordance with Board rules.
22 Except as provided below, supervision, including the supervision of health services, is
23 required only when a licensed psychological ~~associate~~associate, who is not otherwise
24 exempt from supervision, engages in: assessment of personality functioning;
25 neuropsychological evaluation; psychotherapy, counseling, and other interventions with
26 clinical populations for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic,
27 maladaptive, or undesired behavior; and, the use of intrusive, punitive, or experimental
28 procedures, techniques, or measures. The Board shall adopt rules implementing and
29 defining this provision, and as the practice of psychology evolves, may identify
30 additional activities requiring supervision in order to maintain acceptable standards of
31 practice."

32 Section 3. Article 18A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by
33 adding a new subsection to read:

34 "(e1) The Board may grant an exemption from supervision to any licensed
35 psychological associate who fulfills the following requirements:

- 36 (1) Holds permanent licensure and a masters, specialist, or doctoral degree.
37 (2) Has been approved for the highest level of reduced supervision after
38 having completed the requisite years and hours of post-licensure
39 supervised practice associated with that level.
40 (3) Meets minimum graduate training standards as defined by the Board.
41 (4) Passes the national psychology examination at a level prescribed by the
42 Board.

1 (5) Holds health provider certification as a psychological associate (HSP-
2 PA).

3 (6) Submits a letter of recommendation from the current Board-approved
4 supervisor endorsing the applicant's exemption from supervision.

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any person who was licensed as a
6 licensed psychological associate prior to January 1, 1999, holds HSP-PA certification,
7 and is approved for the highest level of reduced supervision may, with the written
8 recommendation of his or her Board-approved supervisor, apply for and be granted an
9 exemption from supervision."

10 Section 4. G.S. 90-270.18(b) reads as rewritten:

11 "(b) Fees for activities specified by this Article are as follows:

12 (1) Application fees for licensed psychologists and licensed psychological
13 associates per G.S. 90-270.11(a) and (b)(1), or G.S. 90-270.13, shall not
14 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

15 (2) Fees for the national written examination shall be the cost of the
16 examination to the Board plus an additional fee not to exceed fifty
17 dollars (\$50.00).

18 (3) Fees for additional examinations shall be as prescribed by the Board.

19 (4) Fees for the renewal of licenses, per G.S. 90-270.14(a)(1), shall not
20 exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per biennium. This fee may
21 not be prorated.

22 (5) Late fees for license renewal, per G.S. 90-270.14(a)(1), shall be twenty-
23 five dollars (\$25.00).

24 (6) Fees for the reinstatement of a license, per G.S. 90-270.15(f), shall not
25 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

26 (7) Fees for a duplicate license, per G.S. 90-270.14(b), shall be twenty-five
27 dollars (\$25.00).

28 (8) Fees for a temporary license, per G.S. 90-270.5(f) and 90-270.5(g), shall
29 be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

30 (9) Application fees for a health services provider certificate, per G.S. 90-
31 270.20, shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

32 (10) File review fees for licensed psychological applicants applying for an
33 exemption from supervision per G.S. 90-270.5(e1) shall be five dollars
34 (\$5.00)."

35 Section 5. G.S. 90-270.20(a) reads as rewritten:

36 "(a) Health services, as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(4) and G.S. 90-270.2(8), may be
37 provided by qualified licensed psychological associates, qualified licensed psychologists
38 holding provisional, temporary, or permanent licenses, or qualified applicants. Qualified
39 licensed psychological associates, who are not otherwise exempt from supervision,
40 qualified licensed psychologists holding provisional or temporary licenses, or qualified
41 applicants may provide health services only under supervision as specified in the duly
42 adopted rules of the Board."

43 Section 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.