

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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L. I. COHEN AND WILLIAMS, MARCH 10, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 10, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), entitled  
2 "An act relating to the practice of psychology, providing for  
3 licensing of psychologists, making certain acts illegal and  
4 providing penalties," adding additional powers of sanction to  
5 the board.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 3(3) and 8(b) of the act of March 23,  
9 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), known as the Professional Psychologists  
10 Practice Act, amended April 25, 1986 (P.L.89, No.33), are  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 3. Necessity for License.--It shall be unlawful for  
13 any person to engage in the practice of psychology or to offer  
14 or attempt to do so or to hold himself out to the public by any  
15 title or description of services incorporating the words  
16 "psychological," "psychologist" or "psychology" unless he shall  
17 first have obtained a license pursuant to this act, except as

1 hereinafter provided:

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3 (3) [Nothing] Except as provided in section 8(b)(7), nothing  
4 in this act shall be construed to prevent qualified members of  
5 other recognized professions, including, but not limited to,  
6 clergy, drug and alcohol abuse counselors, mental health  
7 counselors, social workers, marriage counselors, family  
8 counselors, crisis intervention counselors, pastoral counselors,  
9 rehabilitation counselors and psychoanalysts, from doing work of  
10 a psychological nature consistent with the training and the code  
11 of ethics of their respective professions or to prevent  
12 volunteers from providing services in crisis or emergency  
13 situations.

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15 Section 8. Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of License.--\*

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17 (b) When the board finds that the license or application for  
18 license of any person may be refused, revoked, restricted or  
19 suspended under the terms of subsection (a), the board may:

20 (1) Deny the application for a license.

21 (2) Administer a public reprimand.

22 (3) Revoke, suspend, limit or otherwise restrict a license  
23 as determined by the board.

24 (4) Require a licensee to submit to the care, counseling or  
25 treatment of a physician or a psychologist designated by the  
26 board.

27 (5) Suspend enforcement of its findings thereof and place a  
28 licensee on probation with the right to vacate the probationary  
29 order for noncompliance.

30 (6) Restore a suspended license to practice psychology and

1 impose any disciplinary or corrective measure which it might  
2 originally have imposed.

3 (7) Take other action as the board in its discretion  
4 considers proper, including precluding a suspended licensee from  
5 engaging in counseling or any other form of mental health  
6 practice.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.