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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**  
**No. 1176** Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY PECORA, SHAFFER, CORMAN, HELFRICK, REGOLI, LYNCH,  
ROSS AND AFFLERBACH, NOVEMBER 18, 1987

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 24, 1988

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AN ACT

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

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

14 Section 1. Section 20 of the act of April 25, 1986 (P.L.89,  
15 No.33), entitled "An act amending the act of March 23, 1972  
16 (P.L.136, No.52), entitled 'An act relating to the practice of  
17 psychology, providing for licensing of psychologists, making  
18 certain acts illegal and providing penalties,' reestablishing  
19 the State Board of Psychologist Examiners as the State Board of  
20 Psychology; providing for its composition, powers and duties;  
21 changing provisions relating to the issuance of licenses and the

1 suspension and revocation of licenses; providing for fees;  
2 providing for penalties; and making repeals," is amended to  
3 read:

4 Section 20. To provide a transition period [to] FOR persons <—  
5 who [are substantially near completion of the requirements]  
6 ~~demonstrably intended~~ HAD GRADUATED FROM OR WERE ENROLLED IN A <—  
7 GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY OR ANOTHER OF THE  
8 BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1986, to apply for  
9 licensure ~~as holders of master's degrees in psychology~~ under <—  
10 rules in existence immediately prior to the effective date of  
11 this act, the board, until December 31, 1995, shall issue  
12 initial licenses to persons [who do not have a doctoral degree  
13 but] who:

14 (1) [by September 30, 1986,] ~~within 180 days of the~~ <—  
15 ~~effective date of this act~~ submitted evidence in a manner  
16 prescribed by the board of having, as of September 30, 1986,  
17 completed or [of being] BEEN then currently ~~been~~ enrolled in <—  
18 a ~~master's degree~~ graduate [degree] program in psychology OR <—  
19 ANOTHER OF THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES; and

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

24 (3) have fulfilled all administrative requirements of  
25 the board AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1994, and possessed all of the <—  
26 other qualifications for licensure in effect at the time of  
27 the examination; and

28 (4) have satisfactorily passed the examination.

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

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.