
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1036 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY SHELTON, APRIL 27, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 27, 1977

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 a member of the public at large
5 to the board.

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

8 Section 1. Section 4, act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136,
9 No.52), referred to as the Psychologists License Act is amended
10 to read:

11 Section 4. There is hereby created the Pennsylvania Board of
12 Psychologist Examiners as follows:

13 (1) Said board shall consist of [seven] eight members who
14 are citizens of the United States, residents of the Commonwealth
15 of Pennsylvania for a three-year period, [six] seven of whom are
16 to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
17 two-thirds of all the members of the Senate within ninety days
18 from the effective date of this act and the commissioner shall
19 serve, ex officio, as the seventh member of the board. At the
20 first meeting the appointed members shall determine by lot two

1 members to serve three-year terms, two members to serve two-year
2 terms and two members to serve one-year terms.

3 (2) When the term of each member of the board ends, the
4 Governor shall appoint his successor for a term of three years.
5 Any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled by the
6 Governor by appointment for the unexpired term. Board members
7 shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

8 (3) The board shall have at least two members who, at the
9 time of appointment are engaged primarily in rendering
10 professional services in psychology and at least two members who
11 at the time of appointment are engaged in research in psychology
12 or the teaching of psychology, one of whom shall be from a
13 university granting doctoral degrees in psychology, all of whom
14 shall be eligible for licensing under this act. One member of
15 the board shall be appointed by the Governor from nominations of
16 members of the office of mental health and mental retardation
17 submitted by the commissioners. One member of the board shall be
18 appointed by the Governor from nominations of mental health and
19 mental retardation advocacy groups submitted by their boards of
20 directors. One member of the board shall be appointed by the
21 Governor to represent the public at large.

22 (4) No board member shall serve more than two consecutive
23 terms.

24 (5) Each board member shall receive actual necessary
25 traveling expenses incidental to board meetings, plus per diem
26 expenses as approved by the commissioner upon recommendation of
27 the board.

28 (6) The board shall within one hundred fifty days after the
29 effective date of this act, and annually thereafter in the month
30 prescribed by the board, hold a meeting, and elect a chairman

1 and vice-chairman. The board shall meet at such other times as
2 deemed necessary and advisable by the chairman, or by a majority
3 of its members. Reasonable notice of all meetings shall be given
4 in the manner prescribed by the board. A majority of the board
5 shall constitute a quorum at any meeting or hearing.

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