

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 803

An act relating to psychology licensure; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; requiring the Board of Psychology within the Department of Health to close an application of an applicant who fails to pass the licensure examination or submit evidence of completing postdoctoral training within a specified period; requiring that the board provide for exceptions; authorizing persons who have completed postdoctoral residency training to continue the practice of psychology under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 490.005, Florida Statutes, to read:

490.005 Licensure by examination.—

(3)(a) The board shall close the application file of any applicant who fails to pass the psychology licensure examination and the Florida law and rules portion of the examination or who fails to submit evidence of completion of the postdoctoral, supervised experience within a timeframe no longer than 24 months.

(b) The board shall implement a procedure by which an applicant may apply for an extension beyond the required timeframe.

(c) An individual who completes the required postdoctoral training residency may continue to practice under supervision if she or he does so in a manner prescribed by the board by rule, has a current application on file, and no final order of denial has been issued.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2008.

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