

SB3406



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Introduced 2/14/2014, by Sen. Daniel Biss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 15/10

from Ch. 111, par. 5360

Amends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act. Makes changes to the qualifications for licensure as a clinical psychologist. Requires that an applicant for licensure be a graduate of a doctoral program in clinical, school, or counseling psychology either accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System or approved by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or other national board (rather than accredited by the American Psychological Association or approved by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or other national board).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is
5 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 15/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 5360)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2017)

8 Sec. 10. Qualifications of applicants; examination. The
9 Department, except as provided in Section 11 of this Act, shall
10 issue a license as a clinical psychologist to any person who
11 pays an application fee and who:

12 (1) is at least 21 years of age; and has not engaged in
13 conduct or activities which would constitute grounds for
14 discipline under this Act;

15 (2) (blank);

16 (3) is a graduate of a doctoral program from a college,
17 university or school accredited by the regional
18 accrediting body which is recognized by the Council on
19 Postsecondary Accreditation and is in the jurisdiction in
20 which it is located for purposes of granting the doctoral
21 degree and either:

22 (a) is a graduate of a doctoral program in
23 clinical, school or counseling psychology either

1 accredited by the American Psychological Association
2 or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation
3 System or approved by the Council for the National
4 Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or
5 other national board recognized by the Board, and has
6 completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised
7 experience in clinical, school or counseling
8 psychology at least one of which is an internship and
9 one of which is postdoctoral; or

10 (b) holds a doctoral degree from a recognized
11 college, university or school which the Department,
12 through its rules, establishes as being equivalent to a
13 clinical, school or counseling psychology program and
14 has completed at least one course in each of the
15 following 7 content areas, in actual attendance at a
16 recognized university, college or school whose
17 graduates would be eligible for licensure under this
18 Act: scientific and professional ethics, biological
19 basis of behavior, cognitive-affective basis of
20 behavior, social basis of behavior, individual
21 differences, assessment, and treatment modalities; and
22 has completed 2 years of satisfactory supervised
23 experience in clinical, school or counseling
24 psychology, at least one of which is an internship and
25 one of which is postdoctoral; or

26 (c) holds a doctorate in psychology or in a program

1 whose content is psychological in nature from an
2 accredited college, university or school not meeting
3 the standards of paragraph (a) or (b) of this
4 subsection (3) and provides evidence of the completion
5 of at least one course in each of the 7 content areas
6 specified in paragraph (b) in actual attendance at a
7 recognized university, school or college whose
8 graduate would be eligible for licensure under this
9 Act; and has completed an appropriate practicum, an
10 internship or equivalent supervised clinical
11 experience in an organized mental health care setting
12 and 2 years of satisfactory supervised experience in
13 clinical or counseling psychology, at least one of
14 which is postdoctoral; and

15 (4) has passed an examination authorized by the
16 Department to determine his or her fitness to receive a
17 license.

18 Applicants for licensure under subsection (3) (a) and (3) (b) of
19 this Section shall complete 2 years of satisfactory supervised
20 experience, at least one of which shall be an internship and
21 one of which shall be postdoctoral. A year of supervised
22 experience is defined as not less than 1,750 hours obtained in
23 not less than 50 weeks based on 35 hours per week for full-time
24 work experience. Full-time supervised experience will be
25 counted only if it is obtained in a single setting for a
26 minimum of 6 months. Part-time and internship experience will

1 be counted only if it is 18 hours or more a week for a minimum
2 of 9 months and is in a single setting. The internship
3 experience required under subsection (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this
4 Section shall be a minimum of 1,750 hours completed within 24
5 months.

6 Programs leading to a doctoral degree require minimally the
7 equivalent of 3 full-time academic years of graduate study, at
8 least 2 years of which are at the institution from which the
9 degree is granted, and of which at least one year or its
10 equivalent is in residence at the institution from which the
11 degree is granted. Course work for which credit is given for
12 life experience will not be accepted by the Department as
13 fulfilling the educational requirements for licensure.
14 Residence requires interaction with psychology faculty and
15 other matriculated psychology students; one year's residence
16 or its equivalent is defined as follows:

17 (a) 30 semester hours taken on a full-time or part-time
18 basis at the institution accumulated within 24 months, or

19 (b) a minimum of 350 hours of student-faculty contact
20 involving face-to-face individual or group courses or
21 seminars accumulated within 18 months. Such educational
22 meetings must include both faculty-student and
23 student-student interaction, be conducted by the
24 psychology faculty of the institution at least 90% of the
25 time, be fully documented by the institution, and relate
26 substantially to the program and course content. The

1 institution must clearly document how the applicant's
2 performance is assessed and evaluated.

3 To meet the requirement for satisfactory supervised
4 experience, under this Act the supervision must be performed
5 pursuant to the order, control and full professional
6 responsibility of a licensed clinical psychologist. The
7 clients shall be the clients of the agency or supervisor rather
8 than the supervisee. Supervised experience in which the
9 supervisor receives monetary payment or other consideration
10 from the supervisee or in which the supervisor is hired by or
11 otherwise employed by the supervisee shall not be accepted by
12 the Department as fulfilling the practicum, internship or 2
13 years of satisfactory supervised experience requirements for
14 licensure.

15 Examinations for applicants under this Act shall be held at
16 the direction of the Department from time to time but not less
17 than once each year. The scope and form of the examination
18 shall be determined by the Department.

19 Each applicant for a license who possesses the necessary
20 qualifications therefor shall be examined by the Department,
21 and shall pay to the Department, or its designated testing
22 service, the required examination fee, which fee shall not be
23 refunded by the Department.

24 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
25 complete the application process. If the process has not been
26 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee

1 shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the
2 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

3 An applicant has one year from the date of notification of
4 successful completion of the examination to apply to the
5 Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within
6 one year, the applicant shall be required to take and pass the
7 examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of
8 the United States within one year of passing the examination.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)