

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

ACT 995 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1622

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5 By: Representative Flanagin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-97-302 REQUIRING
10 APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS PSYCHOLOGISTS TO HAVE
11 COMPLETED TWO (2) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH AT
12 LEAST ONE (1) OF THOSE YEARS BEING POST DOCTORAL WORK; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS
16 PSYCHOLOGISTS TO HAVE COMPLETED TWO (2)
17 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH AT
18 LEAST ONE (1) OF THOSE YEARS BEING POST
19 DOCTORAL WORK."
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-97-302 is amended to read as follows:

25 "§ 17-97-302. Psychologists - Application - Qualifications.

26 (a) Any person wishing to obtain the right to practice as a
27 psychologist in this state who has not heretofore been licensed to do so shall
28 make application to the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology through the
29 chairman, in a form and in a manner as shall be adopted and prescribed by the
30 board, and obtain from the board a license to do so.

31 (b)(1) A candidate for a license shall furnish the board with
32 satisfactory evidence that he:

33 (A) Is of good moral character;

34 (B) Has received a doctoral degree in psychology from an
35 accredited institution recognized by the board as maintaining satisfactory
36 standards at the time the degree was granted or, in lieu of degree, a doctoral

1 degree in a closely allied field, if it is the opinion of the board that the
2 training required therefor is substantially similar;

3 (C) Has had at least ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years of
4 experience in psychology of a type considered by the board to be qualifying in
5 nature with at least one (1) of those years being post doctoral work;

6 (D) Is competent in psychology, as shown by passing such
7 examinations, written or oral, or both, as the board deems necessary;

8 (E) Is not considered by the board to be engaged in
9 unethical practice; and

10 (F) Has not, within the preceding six (6) months, failed an
11 examination given by the board.

12 (2) The board may at its discretion accept satisfactory
13 substitute training and experience in lieu of that prescribed in subdivision
14 (b)(1) of this section."

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16 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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20 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
24 act are declared to be severable.

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26 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
27 hereby repealed.

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30 APPROVED:4-01-97

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