

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 1194**

"AN ACT TO CREATE LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONERS AND  
UNCREDENTIALLED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT TECHNICIANS."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1194.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 1194 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "PSYCHOLOGICAL" and substitute "NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL"

AND

Page 1, line 17, delete "PSYCHOLOGICAL" and substitute "NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL"

AND

Page 9 and 10, delete Section 10, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305 is amended to read as follows:  
17-97-305. Issuance.

(a) License to Practice Psychology. The Arkansas Psychology Board shall be the sole agency empowered to examine candidates concerning competence in the practice of psychology and to grant license for the practice of psychology at the appropriate level. The license shall be signed by the Chair of the Arkansas Psychology Board and attested by the Secretary of the Arkansas Psychology Board under the seal of the board, whereupon a proper license shall be issued in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Provisional License.

(1) The board shall issue a provisional license to an applicant who has:

(A) Passed the ~~examinations~~ credentials review prescribed by the board;

(B) Satisfied the preliminary requirements of §§ 17-97-302 ~~and~~, 17-97-303, and 17-97-313; and

(C) Paid the fee for a provisional license.

(2) A provisional license holder is entitled to practice psychology under the supervision of a psychologist to meet the requirements for issuance of a license under this section.

(3) The board shall adopt rules that apply to provisional license holders identifying:

(A) The activities that holders may engage in; and



(B) Services that may be provided by holders.

(4) The board may refuse to renew the provisional license of a person who does not meet the requirements prescribed by § 17-97-303.

(c) Provisional License Application.

(1) An applicant ~~for examination~~ for a provisional license must:

(A) Apply on forms prescribed by the board; and

(B) Submit the required fees with the application.

(2) The board may require that the applicant verify the application.

(d) Provisional License ~~Examination~~ Review Qualifications.

(1) An applicant may ~~take an examination~~ have his or her credentials reviewed for a provisional license if the applicant:

(A) Has received:

(i) A doctoral or master's degree in psychology from a regionally accredited educational institution; or

(ii) A doctoral degree in psychology or the substantial equivalent of a doctoral degree in psychology in both subject matter and extent of training from a regionally accredited educational institution;

(B) Has attained the age of majority;

(C) Has good moral character;

(D) Is physically and mentally competent to provide psychological services with reasonable skill and safety, as determined by the board;

(E) Is not afflicted with a mental or physical disease or condition that would impair the applicant's competency to provide psychological services;

(F) Has not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or a felony;

(G) Does not use drugs or alcohol to an extent that affects the applicant's professional competency;

(H) Has not engaged in fraud or deceit in making the application; and

(I) Has not:

(i) Aided or abetted the practice of psychology by a person not licensed under this chapter in representing that the person is licensed under this chapter;

(ii) Represented that the applicant is licensed under this chapter to practice psychology when the applicant is not licensed; or

(iii) Practiced psychology in this state without a license under this chapter or without being exempt under this chapter.

(2) In determining under § 17-97-302(b)(1)(B) whether a degree is substantially equivalent to a doctoral degree in psychology, the board shall consider whether at the time the degree was conferred the doctoral program met the prevailing standards for training in the area of psychology, ~~including standards for training the clinical, school, and industrial counseling.~~

AND

Page 13, line 34, delete "§ 17-97-314(f)" and substitute "§ 17-97-312(f)"

AND

Page 14, line 2, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 14, delete lines 4 through 6, and substitute:

"(a) Any person wishing to obtain the right to be employed as a neuropsychological assessment technician who has not been certified to be employed as a neuropsychological assessment technician before the effective date of this"

AND

Page 14, on line 9, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 14, on line 10, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 14, on line 18, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 14, on line 31, delete "§ 17-97-314(f)" and substitute "§ 17-97-312(f)"

AND

Page 14, on line 33, delete "Arkansas Psychology board" and substitute "Arkansas Psychology Board"

Page 14, delete lines 34 through 36, and substitute:

"(c)(1)(A) A neuropsychological assessment technician may be employed by a licensed psychologist with neuropsychological privileges as indicated by the technician's statement of intent and approved by the Arkansas Psychology Board.

(B) A neuropsychological assessment technician's duties shall be restricted to administration and scoring only in the assessment of neuropsychological function and research."

AND

Page 15, on line 1, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 15, on line 7, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 15, on line 14, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 15, on line 16, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 15, on line 18, delete "psychological" and substitute "neuropsychological"

AND

Page 15, delete line 21, and substitute:

"no evidence of unethical practice by the licensed psychologist.

(f) A person employed as a neuropsychological assessment technician prior to the effective date of this section:

(1) May continue to perform his or her duties which shall be limited to neuropsychological test administration and scoring;

(2) Shall register with the board; and

(3) Shall meet the requirements of this section except for the education requirements described in subdivisions (b)(2) and (3) of this section."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Wilkinson

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Secretary