



AN ACT REVISING LICENSURE FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS; ALLOWING LICENSURE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERIENCE AND NO DISCIPLINE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS; ALLOWING TEMPORARY LICENSURE OF POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISEES; REPEALING SECTIONS 37-17-304 AND 37-17-310, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Licensure by experience. The board shall license a person as a psychologist if the person pays the prescribed fees and submits evidence that the person:

- (1) is 18 years of age or older;
- (2) is of good moral character;
- (3) has a doctoral degree described in 37-17-302;
- (4) is licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction that has a disciplinary process as part of its regulatory structure;
- (5) has actively practiced psychology under a license ~~as described in subsection (4) or maintained certification or certification~~ as described in subsection (4) for 5 of the 7 years immediately preceding application in the state;
- (6) is not subject to pending criminal or administrative charges related to unprofessional conduct or impairment; and
- (7) has not been administratively disciplined for unprofessional conduct or impairment in any jurisdiction within the 7 years immediately preceding application in the state.

Section 2. Licensure of postdoctoral supervisees. (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), if a person submits evidence that the person is engaged in a postdoctoral supervision program as part of a plan

approved by the board and meets the qualifications of 37-17-302, the board shall license the person as a psychologist.

- (b) A person licensed under this subsection (1) is not required to pass the prescribed exam and have 1 year of postdoctoral supervised experience as provided in 37-17-302(4).
- (2) The person may only practice as described in the approved postdoctoral supervision plan.
- (3) The license provided for in this section expires at the conclusion of the approved postdoctoral supervision program, unless the person meets all of the qualifications in 37-17-302.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Repealer. The following sections of the Montana Code Annotated are repealed:

37-17-304. Admission of licensees from other states or jurisdictions.

37-17-310. Licensure of senior psychologists.

Section 4. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 17, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 17, part 3, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 90, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

SENATE BILL NO. 90

INTRODUCED BY J. SMALL

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