

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Governmental Operations Committee recommends the following:

2 **Council/Committee Substitute**

3 Remove the entire bill and insert:

4 A bill to be entitled

5 An act relating to psychology specialties; creating s.
6 490.0149, F.S.; providing a definition; specifying the
7 circumstances under which a psychologist may hold himself
8 or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,
9 board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology
10 diplomate; requiring the Board of Psychology to approve
11 certifying bodies; providing a condition for approval of
12 the certifying bodies; requiring the Board of Psychology
13 to establish an application and approval process by rule;
14 specifying that a person licensed under ch. 490, F.S., may
15 specify the types of services he or she provides;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 490.0149, Florida Statutes, is created
21 to read:

22 490.0149 Specialties.--

23 (1) As used in this section, the term "certified
 24 psychology specialist," "board-certified psychology specialist,"
 25 or "psychology diplomate" means a psychologist with special
 26 competency that is acquired through an organized sequence of
 27 formal education, training, experience, and professional
 28 standing and is recognized by a certifying body approved under
 29 subsection (3).

30 (2) A person licensed as a psychologist may not hold
 31 himself or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,
 32 board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology diplomate
 33 unless the person has received formal recognition as a certified
 34 psychology specialist, board-certified psychology specialist, or
 35 psychology diplomate from a certifying body approved under
 36 subsection (3).

37 (3) (a) The board shall be responsible for approving the
 38 certifying bodies that recognize certified psychology
 39 specialists, board-certified psychology specialists, or
 40 psychology diplomates. The certifying body shall require, as a
 41 condition of recognition, the following criteria in order to be
 42 approved by the board:

- 43 1. A minimum of 3 years of experience as a psychologist.
- 44 2. Peer review of applicants.
- 45 3. Additional education which may include self-study.
- 46 4. Adherence to standards established by the certifying
 47 body.

48 (b) The board shall adopt, by rule under ss. 120.536(1)
 49 and 120.54, an application and a process for the approval of
 50 certifying bodies.

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51 (4) A person licensed under this chapter may indicate the
52 services he or she offers and may indicate that his or her
53 practice is limited to one or more types of services when this
54 accurately reflects his or her scope of practice.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.