

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to psychology specialties; creating s.  
 3           490.0149, F.S.; providing a definition; specifying the  
 4           circumstances under which a psychologist may hold himself  
 5           or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,  
 6           board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology  
 7           diplomate; requiring the Board of Psychology to adopt  
 8           rules to establish specified criteria for approval of  
 9           certifying bodies; specifying that a person licensed under  
 10          ch. 490, F.S., may specify the types of services he or she  
 11          provides; providing an effective date.

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

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 15           Section 1. Section 490.0149, Florida Statutes, is created  
 16          to read:

17           490.0149 Specialties.--

18           (1) As used in this section, the term "certified  
 19           psychology specialist," "board-certified psychology specialist,"  
 20           or "psychology diplomate" means a psychologist with recognized  
 21           special competency acquired through an organized sequence of  
 22           formal education, training, experience, and professional  
 23           standing that is recognized by a certifying body approved by the  
 24           board pursuant to criteria adopted under subsection (3).

25           (2) A person licensed as a psychologist may not hold  
 26           himself or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,  
 27           board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology diplomate

28 | unless the person has received formal recognition from an  
29 | approved certifying body.

30 | (3) The board shall adopt rules to establish criteria for  
31 | approval of certifying bodies that provide certification for  
32 | specialties in psychology as provided in subsection (1). The  
33 | criteria shall include that a certifying body:

34 | (a) Be national in scope, incorporate standards of the  
35 | profession, and collaborate closely with organizations related  
36 | to specialization in psychology.

37 | (b) Have clearly described purposes, by-laws, policies,  
38 | and procedures.

39 | (c) Have established standards for specialized practice of  
40 | psychology.

41 | (d) Provide assessments that include the development and  
42 | implementation of an examination designed to measure the  
43 | competencies required to provide services that are  
44 | characteristic of the specialty area.

45 | (4) A person licensed as a psychologist under this chapter  
46 | may indicate the services he or she offers and may indicate that  
47 | his or her practice is limited to one or more types of services  
48 | when this accurately reflects his or her scope of practice.

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