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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

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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.