By Senator Margolis

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to psychology licensure; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; requiring the Board of Psychology within the Department of Health to close an application of an applicant who fails to pass the licensure examination or submit evidence of completing postdoctoral training within a period of time set by the board; authorizing persons who have completed postdoctoral residency training to continue the practice of psychology under certain circumstances;

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

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Section 1. Effective January 1, 2009, subsection (3) is added to section 490.005, Florida Statutes, to read:

490.005 Licensure by examination.--

providing an effective date.

(3) (a) The board shall close the application file of any applicant who fails to pass the psychology licensure examination and the Florida law and rules portion of the examination or who fails to submit evidence of completion of the postdoctoral, supervised experience within a timeframe specified by the board by rule.

(b) An individual who completes the required postdoctoral training residency may continue to practice under supervision if she or he does so in a manner prescribed by the board by rule, has a current application on file, and no final order of denial has been issued.

Section 2. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008.