

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to psychology licensure; amending s.  
 3           490.005, F.S.; requiring the Board of Psychology within  
 4           the Department of Health to close an application of an  
 5           applicant who fails to pass the licensure examination or  
 6           submit evidence of completing postdoctoral training within  
 7           a specified period; requiring that the board provide for  
 8           exceptions; authorizing persons who have completed  
 9           postdoctoral residency training to continue the practice  
 10          of psychology under certain circumstances; providing an  
 11          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. Subsection (3) is added to section 490.005,  
 16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           490.005 Licensure by examination.--

18           (3) (a) The board shall close the application file of any  
 19 applicant who fails to pass the psychology licensure examination  
 20 and the Florida law and rules portion of the examination or who  
 21 fails to submit evidence of completion of the postdoctoral,  
 22 supervised experience within a timeframe no longer than 24  
 23 months.

24           (b) The board shall implement a procedure by which an  
 25 applicant may apply for an extension beyond the required  
 26 timeframe.

27           (c) An individual who completes the required postdoctoral  
 28 training residency may continue to practice under supervision if

29 she or he does so in a manner prescribed by the board by rule,  
30 has a current application on file, and no final order of denial  
31 has been issued.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009.