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Overview

This bill modifies the psychologist practice act requirements for volunteer practice, reciprocity, and guest licenses.

Section

- 1** **Mental health and substance abuse reviews.** Amends § 62M.09, subd. 3a. Paragraph (a) permits doctoral level psychologists to review requests for outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment that has been denied by the utilization review organization.

Paragraph (b) prohibits a doctoral level psychologist from reviewing a request or final determination not to certify if the treating provider is a psychiatrist.
- 2** **Board of psychology.** Amends § 148.90, subd. 1. Modifies the composition of the board.
- 3** **Licensure for volunteer practice.** Amends § 148.909.
 - Subd. 1. Application.** Permits providers who were credentialed to practice in any jurisdiction to apply for a license to practice as a psychologist-volunteer if the applicant meets the requirements in subdivision 2, and
 - submits an application and fee to the board;
 - is of good moral character and has no disciplinary action pending; and
 - if not currently licensed by the board, passes the professional responsibility examination and pays the examination fee.

Subd. 2. Education requirements. Requires a former licensee to meet the education, training, and experience requirements that were in place at the time of the original license. Requires an applicant who was never licensed by the board to meet the current requirements for licensure.

Subd. 3. Pro bono service. Prohibits a provider under this section from receiving any compensation except reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred due to the provision of the volunteer services.

Subd. 4. Documentation of status. Provides that the licensee will receive documentation showing they are licensed for volunteer service.

Subd. 5. Designation of license. Requires providers under this section to use the designation “LP-V.”

Subd. 6. Return to previous licensure status. Permits licensees under this section to submit an application and the applicable fee in order to return to their previous licensure status. Prohibits dual licensure as an active and volunteer psychologist.

Subd. 7. Continuing education requirement. Provides that volunteer psychologists are subject to the same continuing education requirements as licensed psychologists.

Subd. 8. Fees. States that the annual license fee is 50 percent of the fee for a licensed psychologist.

Subd. 9. Violation. Provides that a licensee under this section is subject to all of the provisions of the practice act and that violation is grounds for disciplinary action.

4 Reciprocity. Amends § 148.915. Paragraph (a) sets out the requirements for licensure by reciprocity.

Paragraph (b) provides that if other states place requirements on licensees from Minnesota who seek licensure by reciprocity, then Minnesota can place similar requirements on licensees from those states who seek licensure by reciprocity in Minnesota.

5 Generally. Amends §148.916, subd. 1. Provides that a nonresident practicing with a guest license is limited to no more than nine consecutive calendar months per year of practice.

6 Applicants for licensure. Amends §148.916, by adding subd. 1a. Permits an applicant who is credentialed in another state but seeking licensure in Minnesota to apply for a guest license so that the applicant can begin practice while waiting to be granted an active license. Provides that the guest license is valid for one year or until the board either issues or denies an active license. Permits annual renewal of the guest license.