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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**This bill creates an inactive license status for psychologists and modifies emeritus requirements. It adds a psychologist to the Health Care Reform Council and authorizes a doctoral-level psychologist to make a utilization review final determination to not certify mental health or substance abuse treatment.**

#### Section

- 1**      **Mental health and substance abuse reviews.** Amends § 62M.09, subd. 3a. Authorizes a licensed doctoral-level psychologist to make a utilization review final determination to not certify mental health or substance abuse treatment. Current law authorizes only licensed psychiatrists to make this determination.
- 2**      **Members.** Amends § 62U.09, subd. 2. Adds a member appointed by the Minnesota Psychological Association to the Health Care Reform Review Council.
- 3**      **Practice of psychology.** Amends § 148.89, subd. 5. Modifies the definition of “practice of psychology” to include the psychological impact of medications on physical illness, accident, injury, or disability.
- 4**      **Application.** Amends § 148.9105, subd. 1. Strikes language that is placed in a new subdivision.
- 5**      **Change to active status.** Amends § 148.9105, subd. 3. Provides the requirements for an emeritus registrant to change to active licensure status.
- 6**      **Continuing education requirements.** Amends § 148.9105, subd. 6. Requires that emeritus registrants who request a change to active licensure must obtain the continuing education credits that would have been required had the license remained active.
- 7**      **Renewal or special fees.** Amends § 148.9105, subd. 7. Provides that an application for

emeritus status must be accompanied by a \$150 nonrefundable application fee. If a licensee is approved for emeritus status prior to license expiration, the licensee is not entitled to a refund of the license or renewal fee. If an application for emeritus status is received after the license expiration date, then the applicant must pay a renewal late fee.

- 8 Time limits for emeritus registration.** Amends § 148.9105. An emeritus registrant may apply for reactivation within five years following the grant of emeritus registration. If the registrant seeks reactivation after five years, the registrant may apply for a new license.
- 9 Inactive status.** Creates § 148.9106.

**Subd. 1. Inactive status.** Requires the licensee to submit an application to the board and demonstrate that the licensee is not practicing psychology, that there are no known impediments to continued licensure, and that there are no unresolved complaints on file in any jurisdiction.

**Subd. 2. Fee.** Provides that an application for inactive status must be accompanied by a \$150 nonrefundable application fee. If a licensee is approved for inactive status prior to license expiration, the licensee is not entitled to a refund of the license or renewal fee. If an application for inactive status is received after the license expiration date, then the applicant must pay a renewal late fee.

**Subd. 3. Time limits for inactive status.** Allows a licensee to remain on inactive status for up to five years; after five years, the license expires.

**Subd. 4. Prohibition on practice.** Prohibits any practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertisement as authorized to practice unless the board grants a variance to provide emergency psychological services.

**Subd. 5. Temporary permit.** Paragraph (a) permits a licensee on inactive status to apply for a temporary permit by completing an application form and documenting compliance with continuing education requirements.

Paragraph (b) authorizes the board to grant a temporary permit and provides that such a permit is valid for no longer than seven consecutive days.

Paragraph (c) limits practice under a temporary permit to no more than 30 days in a calendar year.

**Subd. 6. Reactivation.** Sets out the requirements to reactivate an inactive license.

**Subd. 7. Continuing education requirements.** Provides that when on inactive status, a licensee must continue to comply with continuing education requirements.