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# State Board of Psychological Examiners Law

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**45:14B-1. Short title**

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Practicing Psychology Licensing Act."

L.1966, c. 282, s. 1.

**45:14B-2. Definitions**

As used in this act, unless the context clearly requires otherwise and except as in this act expressly otherwise provided:

(a) "Licensed practicing psychologist" means an individual to whom a license has been issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, which license is in force and not suspended or revoked as of the particular time in question.

(b) The "practice of psychology" means the rendering of professional psychological services to individuals, singly or in groups, whether in the general public or in organizations, either public or private, for a fee, monetary or otherwise. "Professional psychological services" means the application of psychological principles and procedures in the assessment, counseling or psychotherapy of individuals for the purposes of promoting the optimal development of their potential or ameliorating their personality disturbances and maladjustments as manifested in personal and interpersonal situations. Within the meaning of this act, professional psychological services does not include the application for a fee, monetary or otherwise, of psychological principles and procedures for purposes other than those described in this section.

(c) "Board" means the State Board of Psychological Examiners acting as such under the provisions of this act.

(d) "Recognized educational institution" means any educational institution which is a 2-year junior college or one which grants the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor's degrees, or any one or more thereof, and which is recognized by the New Jersey State Board of Education or by any accrediting body acceptable to the State Board of Psychological Examiners.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 2.

**45:14B-3. Recognition of educational institutions**

No educational institution shall be denied recognition as a recognized educational institution solely because its program is not accredited by any professional organization of psychologists and nothing in this act or in the administration of this act shall require the registration with the board by educational institutions of Departments of Psychology or doctoral programs in psychology.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 3.

**45:14B-4. Unauthorized practice of medicine and surgery**

Nothing in this act shall authorize the practice of medicine and surgery by any person not licensed so to do pursuant to chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 4.

**45:14B-5. Use of title or description by unlicensed person**

Commencing January 1, 1968, no person who is not licensed under this act shall represent himself to be a licensed practicing psychologist, use a title or description, including the term "psychology," any of its derivatives, such as "psychologist" or "psychological" or modifiers such as "practicing" or "certified," in a manner which would imply that he is licensed under this act, or offer to practice or practice psychology as defined in this act, except as otherwise permitted in sections 6 and 8. The use by a person who is not licensed under this act of such terms, whether in titles or descriptions or otherwise, is not prohibited by this act except when in connection with the offer to practice or the practice of psychology as defined in section 2(b) of this act. Use of such terms in connection with professional activities other than the rendering of professional psychological services to individuals for a fee, monetary or otherwise, shall not be construed as implying that a person is licensed under this act or as an offer to practice or as the practice of psychology.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 5.

**45:14B-6. Activities of unlicensed practicing psychologist**

Any individual who is not a licensed practicing psychologist shall not be limited in his activities:

(a) As part of his duties as an employee of:

(1) an accredited academic institution, a federal, State, county or local governmental institution or agency, or a research facility while performing those duties for which he was employed by such an institution, agency or facility;

(2) a business organization, while performing those duties for which he was employed by such an organization, and providing the purposes of such an organization do not include the offer to practice, or the practice of, psychology as defined in section 2(b) of this act;

(3) an organization which is nonprofit and which is, in the opinion of the board, a bona fide community agency, while performing those duties for which he was employed by such an agency under the direct supervision of a licensed practicing psychologist. For the purposes of this subsection a "community agency" means a nonprofit organization supported wholly or in a major part by public funds.

(b) As required by his employer to the pupils, students or other normal clientele within the scope of his employment but not to the general public, provided he is employed by a private elementary or secondary school that requires its psychologists to be certified as school psychologists by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

(c) As a student of psychology, psychological intern or person preparing for the practice of psychology under qualified supervision in a training institution or facility recognized by the board provided he is designated by such titles as "psychological intern," "psychological trainee" or others, clearly indicating such training status.

(d) As a practicing psychologist for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive business days or 15 business days in any 90-day period, if he resides outside, and his major practice is outside, of the State of New Jersey and gives the board a summary of his qualifications and a minimum of 10 days' written notice of his intention to practice in the State of New Jersey under this section 6(d), provided he (1) is certified or licensed in another State under requirements the board considers to be the equivalent of requirements for licensing under this act or (2) resides in a State which does not certify or license

psychologists and the board considers his professional qualifications to be the equivalent of requirements for licensing under this act; and is not adjudged and notified by the board that he is ineligible for licensing under this act.

(e) As a practicing psychologist for a period not exceeding one year, if he has a temporary permit therefor which the board may issue upon his filing of an application for licensing under this act.

(f) As a practicing psychologist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision of a licensed practicing psychologist or a person designated by the board as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit therefor which the board may issue upon his completion of all the requirements for licensing under this act except the supervised experience requirement.

(g) As a practicing psychologist certified as a school psychologist by the State Department of Education and performing services on behalf of a local school district to students for whom the school district is responsible to provide services.

L.1966,c.282,s.6; amended 1997, c.140, s.1.

#### **45:14B-7. Exceptions not available to certain persons.**

The exceptions specified in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of section 6 of P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-6) shall not be available to any person who has been found by a court of this or any other state of the United States to have been guilty of and who fails to present satisfactory evidence of recovery from or correction of gross immorality, alcohol use disorder or substance use disorder involving drugs, criminality involving felonious action or moral turpitude, or dishonorable or unprofessional conduct. An action to determine whether any person asserting an exemption under subsection (d), (e) or (f) of section 6 of P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-6) has committed one or more of the acts listed in this section may be brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the board.

L.1966, c.282, s.7; amended 2017, c.131, s.183.

#### **45:14B-8. Members of other professional groups doing work of psychological nature**

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent qualified members of other professional groups such as physicians, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, members of the clergy, authorized practitioners, attorneys at law, social workers or guidance counselors from doing work of a psychological nature consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions, provided, however, that they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that they are psychologists or are licensed to practice psychology.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 8.

#### **45:14B-9. State board of psychological examiners; number of members**

There is hereby created, in the Division of Professional Boards of the Department of Law and Public Safety, the State Board of Psychological Examiners, which shall consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Governor. The board shall at all times, except for vacancies, be composed of members who represent equitably the diverse fields of psychology, a majority of whom shall be licensed practicing psychologists. All members shall have the qualifications hereinafter set forth in section 10 of this act.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 9.

**45:14B-10. Members of board; qualifications**

Each member of the board shall have the following qualifications:

(a) He shall be a resident of this State and a citizen of the United States.

(b) He shall either be a member of or have professional standing equivalent to that required for classification as a member of the New Jersey Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association.

(c) He shall be at the time of his appointment, and shall have been for at least 5 years prior thereto, actively engaged as a psychologist in one or more phases or branches of psychology or in the education and training of doctoral or postdoctoral students of psychology or in psychological research, and shall have spent the major portion of the time devoted by him to such activity, during the 2 years preceding his appointment, in this State.

(d) He shall hold the doctoral degree in psychology or in a closely allied field from a recognized educational institution.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 10.

**45:14B-11. Terms**

The terms of the first 7 members of the board shall expire as follows: one member, June 30, 1968; 2 members, June 30, 1969; 2 members, June 30, 1970; 2 members, June 30, 1971. Thereafter, each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. If before the expiration of his term any member shall die, resign, become disqualified or otherwise cease to be a board member, the vacancy shall be filled by the Governor by appointment for the unexpired term. Each appointee shall, upon accepting appointment to the board, take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by law and file same in the office of the Secretary of State.

The first 7 appointees shall be deemed to be and shall become licensed practicing psychologists immediately upon their appointment and qualification as members of the board.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 11.

**45:14B-12. Removal; hearing; written notice**

The Governor shall have power to remove from office any member of the board for incompetence, neglect of duty, unprofessional conduct or moral turpitude; but no board member may be thus removed until after a public hearing of the charges against him, and at least 30 days prior written notice to such accused member of the charges against him and of the date fixed for such hearing.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 12.

**45:14B-13. Meetings; chairman, vice-chairman and secretary; seal; quorum; rules and regulations; issuance of permit or license; expenses; subpoenas**

The board shall, at its first meeting, to be called by the Governor as soon as may be following the appointment of its members, and at all annual meetings, to be held in June of each year thereafter, organize by electing from among its members a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary whose election

shall be subject to the approval of the Attorney General. Such officers shall serve until the following June 30 and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The board shall adopt a seal which shall be affixed to all licenses issued by the board. The board shall administer and enforce the provisions of this act. The board shall hold at least one regular meeting each year; but additional meetings may be held upon call of the chairman or at the written request of any 2 members of the board. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum and no action at any meeting shall be taken without at least 3 votes in accord. The board shall from time to time adopt such rules and regulations and such amendments thereof and supplements thereto as it may deem necessary to enable it to perform its duties under and to carry into effect the provisions of this act. The board shall examine and pass on the qualifications of all applicants for permits or licenses under the act, and shall issue a permit or license to each qualified successful applicant therefor, attesting to his professional qualifications to engage in the practice of psychology.

Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of his duties as a member of or on behalf of the board.

Subject to the approval of the Attorney General, the board shall be empowered to hire such assistants as it may deem necessary to carry on its activities. All expenditures deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the license fees and other sources of income of the board, within the limits of available appropriations according to law, but in no event shall expenditures exceed the revenues of the board during any fiscal year. The board, through its chairman or secretary, may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify before the board and produce relevant books, records and papers before the board and may administer oaths in taking testimony, in any matter pertaining to its duties under the act (including, without limitation, any hearing authorized or required to be held by the board under any provisions of this act), which subpoenas shall issue under the seal of the board and shall be served in the same manner as subpoenas issued out of the Superior Court. Every person who refuses or neglects to obey the command of any such subpoena, or who, after hearing, refuses to be sworn and testify, shall, in either event, be liable to a penalty of \$50.00 to be sued for in the name of the board in any court of competent jurisdiction, which penalty when collected shall be paid to the secretary of the board.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 13.

#### **45:14B-14. Application for license; contents**

Each person desiring to obtain a license as a practicing psychologist shall make application therefor to the board upon such form and in such manner as the board shall prescribe and shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he:

- (a) Is at least 21 years of age;
- (b) Is of good moral character;
- (c) Is not engaged in any practice or conduct which would be a ground for refusing to issue, suspending or revoking a license issued pursuant to this act;
- (d) Qualifies for licensing by an examination of credentials or for admission to an assembled examination to be conducted by the board.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 14.



**45:14B-17. Persons applying after January 1, 1968; qualifications for admission to assembled examination**

Any person applying to the board, after January 1, 1968, may be admitted to an assembled examination if he meets the qualifications set forth in section 14(a), (b) and (c) and provides evidence satisfactory to the board that he:

(a) Has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in psychology from a recognized educational institution, or in lieu of such degree, a doctoral degree in a closely allied field if it is the opinion of the board that the training required therefor is substantially similar, or has otherwise had training in psychology deemed equivalent by the board;

(b) Has engaged for the equivalent of at least 2 years full time, at least 1 year of which was subsequent to his receiving the doctoral degree, in professional employment in the practice of psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or of one clearly eligible for licensure in the opinion of the board, which employment the board deems sufficient to warrant its opinion that the applicant is competent to engage in the practice of psychology as a licensed psychologist, subject to his satisfying the other requirements for such license specified in this act.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 17.

**45:14B-18. Conduct of examinations**

The board shall conduct assembled examinations at least once a year at a time and place to be designated by it. Assembled examinations shall be written and, if the board deems advisable, oral. In any written examination each applicant shall be designated by a number so that his name shall not be disclosed to the board until examinations have been graded. Examinations shall include questions in such theoretical and applied fields as the board deems most suitable to test an applicant's knowledge and competence to engage in the practice of psychology. An applicant shall be held to have passed an examination upon the affirmative vote of at least 4 members of the board.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 18.

**45:14B-19. Failure to pass examination; reexamination**

Any person who shall have failed an examination conducted by the board may not be admitted to a subsequent examination for a period of at least 6 months.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 19.

**45:14B-20. License without examination**

The board may issue a license by an examination of credentials to any applicant who presents evidence that he (a) is licensed or certified as a psychologist in another State with requirements for said license or certificate such that the board is of the opinion that said applicant is competent to engage in the practice of psychology in this State or (b) holds a diploma from a nationally recognized psychological board or agency.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 20.

**45:14B-23. Renewal; application forms**

On or before April 15 in each year the secretary of the board shall forward to the holder a form of application for renewal thereof. Upon the receipt of the completed form and the renewal fee on or before June 30 the secretary shall issue a new license for the year commencing July 1. Any application for renewal of a license which has expired shall in addition require the payment of a reregistration fee, or in such cases as the board may by rule prescribe, by a new application fee.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 23.

**45:14B-25. Reinstatement**

Application may be made to the board for reinstatement, at any time after the expiration of 1 year from the date of revocation of a license. Such application shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by the reinstatement fee. The board shall not reinstate any applicant, unless satisfied that he is competent to engage in the practice of psychology, and, if it deems same necessary for such determination, may require the applicant to pass an examination.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 25.

**45:14B-28. Confidential relations and communications.**

The confidential relations and communications between and among a licensed practicing psychologist and individuals, couples, families or groups in the course of the practice of psychology are placed on the same basis as those provided between attorney and client, and nothing in this act shall be construed to require any such privileged communications to be disclosed by any such person.

There is no privilege under this section for any communication: (a) upon an issue of the client's condition in an action to commit the client or otherwise place the client under the control of another or others because of alleged incapacity, or in an action in which the client seeks to establish his competence or in an action to recover damages on account of conduct of the client which constitutes a crime; or (b) upon an issue as to the validity of a document as a will of the client; or (c) upon an issue between parties claiming by testate or intestate succession from a deceased client.

L.1966,c.282,s.28; amended 1981, c.303, s.1; 1994, c.134, s.11; 1997, c.379, s.11.

**45:14B-29. Disposition of fees, fines, penalties and other moneys**

All fees, fines, penalties and other moneys derived from the operation of this act shall be paid to the board and by it remitted to the State Treasurer.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 29.

**45:14B-30. Partial invalidity**

If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without such invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

L.1966, c. 282, s. 30.

#### 45:14B-31. Definitions

As used in this act:

- a. "Administrative information" means a patient's name, age, sex, address, educational status, identifying number, date of onset of difficulty, date of initial consultation, dates and character of sessions (individual or group), and fees;
- b. "Diagnostic information" means therapeutic characterizations which are of the types that are found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM III), of the American Psychiatric Association, or other professionally recognized diagnostic manual;
- c. "Disclose" means to communicate any information in any form;
- d. "Independent professional review committee" means that group of licensed psychologists established pursuant to section 14 of this act by the State Board of Psychological Examiners;
- e. "Third-party payor" means any provider of benefits for psychological services, including but not limited to insurance carriers and employers, whether on an indemnity, reimbursement, service or prepaid basis, but excluding governmental agencies;
- f. "Usual, customary or reasonable." In applying this standard the following definitions are applicable:
  - (1) "Usual" means a practice in keeping with the particular psychologist's general mode of operation;
  - (2) "Customary" means that range of usual practices provided by psychologists of similar education, experience, and orientation within a similar geographic or socioeconomic area;
  - (3) "Reasonable" means that there is an acceptable probability that the patient will realize a significant benefit from the continuation of the psychological treatment.

In applying the standards of "usual, customary, and reasonable," the following guidelines are applicable: If a psychological treatment is "usual" or "customary," an inference that the treatment is also "reasonable" is warranted. If the treatment is neither "usual" nor "customary," then it shall satisfy the criterion of "reasonable."

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 1.

#### 45:14B-32. Disclosure to third-party payor

A patient who is receiving or has received treatment from a licensed, practicing psychologist may be requested to authorize the psychologist to disclose certain confidential information to a third-party payor for the purpose of obtaining benefits from the third-party payor for psychological services, if the disclosure is pursuant to a valid authorization as described in section 6 of this act and the information is limited to:

- a. Administrative information;

- b. Diagnostic information;
  - c. The status of the patient (voluntary or involuntary; inpatient or outpatient);
  - d. The reason for continuing psychological services, limited to an assessment of the patient's current level of functioning and level of distress (both described by the terms mild, moderate, severe or extreme);
  - e. A prognosis, limited to the estimated minimal time during which treatment might continue.
- L. 1985, c. 256, s. 2.

#### **45:14B-33. Independent review**

If the third-party payor has reasonable cause to believe that the psychological treatment in question may be neither usual, customary nor reasonable, the third-party payor may request, and compensate reasonably for, an independent review of the psychological treatment by an independent professional review committee. The request shall be made in writing to the treating psychologist. No third-party payor having such reasonable cause shall terminate benefits without following the procedures set forth in section 4 of this act.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 3.

#### **45:14B-34. Review procedure**

Within 10 days of the receipt of the request for review by a third-party payor, the treating psychologist shall notify the State Board of Psychological Examiners of the request. Pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of this act, the State Board of Psychological Examiners shall, within 10 days of the notification, inform the treating psychologist of two or more members of the independent professional review committee who shall be known as "reviewers" and who shall conduct the review. Under these circumstances, the patient may, pursuant to a valid authorization as described in section 6 of this act, authorize the treating psychologist to disclose to the reviewers the requested confidential information concerning his treatment. This information shall be disclosed only in accordance with the following procedure described in this section and shall not be disclosed to a third-party payor or any person other than the reviewers and shall not contain any reference to the patient's identification but rather shall refer to an identification number assigned by the third-party payor. If the patient gives a valid written authorization, the reviewers shall, pursuant to the following review procedure and within 20 days from their receipt of the review request from the State Board of Psychological Examiners, certify in writing to the third-party payor whether or not in their opinion the treatment in question is usual, customary or reasonable or if they are unable to make that determination. The treatment review shall take place as follows:

- a. The treating psychologist shall provide in writing to the reviewers the following information: the case identification number; the status of the patient; duration and frequency of treatment; the diagnosis; the prognosis; and the level of functioning and the level of distress, both described by the terms mild, moderate, severe or extreme. If on the basis of this information the reviewers can certify that the treatment is usual, customary or reasonable, no further review shall be necessary at that time.
- b. If the reviewers cannot make this determination from the information provided, the reviewers shall request the treating psychologist to provide a written statement describing his customary mode

of treatment for the particular diagnosis given. If, on the basis of this information, the reviewers can certify that the treatment is usual, customary or reasonable, no further review shall be conducted at that time.

c. If the reviewers cannot make this determination from the information provided, they shall request the treating psychologist to provide details and circumstances concerning the case under review. The reviewers shall then certify to the third-party payor their conclusion as to whether or not the treatment in question is usual, customary or reasonable, and the date and length of time of the consultation.

d. A negative conclusion by the reviewers pursuant to this section shall not be used retroactively as a basis for denying benefits for the treatment furnished prior to the review request by the third-party payor, unless the claim for reimbursement involves fraud or was not filed in a timely manner.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 4.

#### **45:14B-35. Not waiver of privilege**

The authorization and disclosure of confidential information pursuant to the provisions of section 2 or 4 of this act shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege accorded by section 28 of P.L. 1966, c. 282 (C. 45:14B-28), and the third-party payor and the members of the independent professional review committee are subject to the provisions of that section.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 5.

#### **45:14B-36. Valid authorization**

A valid authorization for the purpose of P.L.1985, c.256 (C.45:14B-30 et seq.) shall:

- a. Be in writing;
- b. Specify the nature of the information to be disclosed, the person authorized to disclose the information, to whom the information may be disclosed, the specific purposes for which the information may be used, both at the time of disclosure and at any time in the future;
- c. Specify that the patient is aware of the statutory privilege accorded by section 28 of P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-28) to confidential communications between a patient and a licensed psychologist;
- d. State that the consent is subject to revocation at any time;
- e. Be signed by the patient or the person authorizing the disclosure. If the patient is adjudicated incapacitated or is deceased, the authorization shall be signed by the patient's legally authorized representative. When the patient is more than 14 years of age but has not yet reached majority, the authorization shall be signed by the patient and by the patient's parent or legal guardian. When the patient is less than 14 years of age, the authorization shall be signed only by the patient's parent or legal guardian; and
- f. Contain the date upon which the authorization was signed.

L.1985, c.256, s.6; amended 2013, c.103, s.125.

**45:14B-37. Authorization restrictions**

Any authorization executed pursuant to this act shall apply only to the disclosure of information which exists as of the date the authorization is signed and shall not be effective more than one year from that date.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 7.

**45:14B-38. Copy to authorizer**

A copy of the authorization shall be provided to the person authorizing the disclosure.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 8.

**45:14B-39. Further disclosure limited**

Information disclosed pursuant to section 2 of this act shall not be further disclosed by the third-party payor or to any other party or in any legal proceeding without valid authorization, unless disclosure is otherwise required by law or when relevant to legal disputes between the third-party payor and the patient with regard to a determination of the entitlement to, or the amount of, payment of benefits for psychological services.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 9.

**45:14B-40. For specified purposes only**

Disclosure of information pursuant to section 2 or 4 of this act is limited to the purposes specified in the authorization. Information disclosed pursuant to section 2 shall not be revealed by a third-party payor to any of its directors, officers, employees or consultants other than those authorized by the third-party payor to effectuate the purposes specified in the authorization, except as provided in section 9 of this act.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 10.

**45:14B-41. Written revocation**

A patient who authorizes disclosure of confidential information under section 2 or 4 of this act may revoke that authorization by providing a written revocation to the recipient named in the authorization and to the psychologist authorized to disclose the information. The revocation shall be effective upon receipt. After the effective date of revocation, no information may be disclosed pursuant to the authorization; however, information previously disclosed may be used for the purposes stated in the written authorization.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 11.

**45:14B-42. Violations; penalties**

Any person who negligently violates the provisions of this act shall be liable in an amount equal to the damages sustained by the patient plus the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees. Any person who recklessly or intentionally violates the provisions of this act shall be liable in damages sustained by

the patient in an amount not less than \$5,000.00 plus the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees. In either case, either party is entitled to a trial by jury upon request. Any liability imposed for violation of this act is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any civil or administrative remedy, penalty, or sanction otherwise authorized by law.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 12.

**45:14B-43. Waiver void**

Any consent or agreement purporting to waive the provisions of this act shall be against public policy and void.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 13.

**45:14B-44. Professional review committee**

The State Board of Psychological Examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish an independent professional review committee whose members shall serve for a three-year term. Members of the independent professional review committee shall be psychologists who have been licensed in the State of New Jersey for the preceding five years and who are currently and have been for the preceding five years engaged for the majority of their professional work in the practice of psychotherapy. The independent professional review committee shall include three or more psychologists in each of the major theoretical orientations. The State Board of Psychological Examiners may fill vacancies on the committee which may from time to time occur, but no person who has served for a full term shall succeed himself.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 14, eff. July 31, 1985.

**45:14B-45. Rules, regulations; report**

The State Board of Psychological Examiners shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act, including the establishment of procedural standards for the independent professional review committee and shall seek input from all interested parties on all issues raised in this act. A report shall be submitted by the State Board of Psychological Examiners to the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs on the implementation of this act within a reasonable period of time.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 15, eff. July 31, 1985.

**45:14B-46. Regulatory authority unaffected**

Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the legal authority of the State Board of Psychological Examiners to regulate the practice of psychology in the State of New Jersey.

L. 1985, c. 256, s. 16.

**45:14B-47. Continuing education for certain practicing psychologists.**

a. The State Board of Psychological Examiners shall require each person licensed as a practicing psychologist, as a condition for biennial license renewal pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1972, c.108

(C.45:1-7), to complete 40 credits of continuing psychology education, four credits of which shall be educational programs or topics related to domestic violence.

b. The board shall:

(1) Establish standards for continuing psychology education, including the nature of qualifying experience and amount of applicable credits for such qualifying experience, and the subject matter and content of courses of study; and

(2) Accredite education programs offering credit toward continuing psychology education requirements or recognize national or State organizations that may accredit education programs.

c. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for continuing education as set forth in subsection a. of this section on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability, retirement of license, or other good cause. A waiver shall apply only to the current biennial renewal period at the time of board issuance.

d. The board shall only approve programs that are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

e. Prior to license renewal, each licensee shall submit to the board proof of completion of the required number of hours of continuing psychology education.

f. The continuing education required pursuant to this section shall include at least one credit of educational programs or topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion.

L.2015, c.131, s.1; amended 2017, c.341, s.7.