

Preamble

WHEREAS, In order to safeguard the public health and safety and to promote the public welfare, the practice of psychology in this State should be subject to regulations and controls in the public interest to protect the public from the practice of psychology by unqualified persons and from unprofessional conduct by persons qualified to practice psychology; now, therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1981) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

16-101.

(c) ["Certificate"] LICENSE" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a [certificate of certification as a psychologist,] LICENSE issued by the Board TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY.

(d) "[Certified] LICENSED psychologist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a psychologist who is [certified] LICENSED by the Board TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY.

(E) (1) "PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY" MEANS TO PROVIDE TO ANY PERSON:

(I) ANY SERVICE INVOLVING THE APPLICATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, PSYCHOLOGICAL METHODS, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCEDURES FOR UNDERSTANDING, PREDICTING, OR INFLUENCING BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLES THAT RELATE TO LEARNING, PERCEPTION, MOTIVATION, EMOTIONS, ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, AND INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS;

(II) ANY SERVICE INVOLVING THE APPLICATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL METHODS OR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCEDURES FOR INTERVIEWING, COUNSELING, PSYCHOTHERAPY, BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION, OR HYPNOSIS; OR

(III) ANY SERVICE INVOLVING THE APPLICATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL METHODS OR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTING, ADMINISTERING, OR INTERPRETING TESTS OF MENTAL ABILITIES, NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING, APPETITUDES, INTERESTS, ATTITUDES, PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS, EMOTIONS, OR MOTIVATIONS.

(2) "PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY" INCLUDES:

(I) THE APPLICATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND PSYCHOLOGICAL METHODS IN THE DIAGNOSIS, PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND AMELIORATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL