

1 H BILL NO. 225  
2 INTRODUCED BY Mansahan

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING QUALIFICATIONS  
5 FOR LICENSURE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS; PLACING RESTRICTIONS  
6 RELATING TO PRIVATE PRACTICE UPON CERTAIN LICENSEES;  
7 AMENDING SECTION 66-3208, R.C.M. 1947."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 66-3208, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 "66-3208. Qualifications and requirements for  
13 licensure -- reciprocity. (1) Application for examination  
14 for licensing a psychologist shall be made on forms  
15 prescribed by the board.

16 (2) The board shall issue the appropriate level  
17 license as a psychologist to any person who pays the  
18 prescribed fee, passes the prescribed examination, and  
19 submits evidence by oath that he:

20 (a) ~~is is~~ is a resident of or shows satisfactory evidence  
21 of intent to become a resident of this state at the time he  
22 is licensed;

23 (b) ~~is is~~ is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

24 (c) ~~is is~~ is of good moral character; and

25 ~~(d) Has received a doctorate degree based on a program~~

1 of studies primarily psychological in content from an  
2 accredited college or university having an appropriate  
3 graduate program

4 ~~(e) Has completed at the time of application a minimum~~  
5 ~~of two (2) years of experience in the practice, research, or~~  
6 ~~teaching of psychology. One (1) year of this experience~~  
7 ~~shall be post-doctoral.~~

8 (d) has the requisite education and experience for his  
9 license level, as prescribed in 66-3208.1.

10 (3) Prior to January 1, 1978, a level II license may  
11 be issued without examination to a person who:

12 (a) has a master's degree, based upon a program  
13 primarily psychological in content, from an accredited  
14 college or university having an appropriate graduate  
15 program;

16 (b) has at least 5 years experience in the practice of  
17 psychology, 2 years of which is postmasters experience;

18 (c) is, at the time of application, employed as a  
19 psychologist under a federal, state, or local public agency;  
20 and

21 (d) meets the requirements of subsections (2)(a),  
22 (2)(b), and (2)(c) of this section.

23 ~~(3)(4)~~ A license of the appropriate level may be  
24 issued without examination may be issued to a psychologist  
25 licensed or certified in another state where the licensing

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1 or certification requirements are substantially equivalent  
 2 to the requirements of this act, chapter for a license of  
 3 that level or to a psychologist who is a diplomate in good  
 4 standing of the American board of professional psychology."

5 Section 2. There is a new R.C.M. section numbered  
 6 66-3208.1 that reads as follows:

7 66-3208.1. Additional qualifications -- three levels  
 8 of licensure. (1) The board may issue three different levels  
 9 of licenses to practice psychology. These shall be known as  
 10 level I (licensed clinical psychologist), level II (licensed  
 11 associate psychologist, and level III (licensed assisting  
 12 psychologist).

13 (2) In order to qualify for a level I license, an  
 14 applicant shall have received a doctoral degree, based upon  
 15 a program of studies primarily psychological in content,  
 16 from an accredited college or university having an  
 17 appropriate graduate program and shall have 2 years  
 18 experience in the practice, research, or teaching of  
 19 psychology, 1 year of which is postdoctoral experience.

20 (3) In order to qualify for a level II license, an  
 21 applicant shall:

22 (a) have received a doctoral degree as required for a  
 23 level I license; or

24 (b) have received a master's degree, based upon a  
 25 program primarily psychological in content, from an

1 accredited college or university having an appropriate  
 2 graduate program and have subsequently completed 3 years of  
 3 experience in the practice of psychology under the  
 4 supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist.

5 (4) In order to qualify for a level III license, an  
 6 applicant shall:

7 (a) have received a master's degree as required for a  
 8 level II license; or

9 (b) have received a bachelor's degree, based upon a  
 10 program primarily psychological in content, from an  
 11 accredited college or university and have subsequently  
 12 completed 2 years of training in psychology under the  
 13 supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist who has  
 14 furnished a written recommendation for the licensure of the  
 15 applicant.

16 Section 3. There is a new R.C.M. section numbered  
 17 66-3208.2 that reads as follows:

18 66-3208.2. Restrictions on private practice of  
 19 psychology. (1) A person may engage in the private  
 20 practice of psychology only if he:

21 (a) holds a level I license; or

22 (b) holds a level II license and practices in  
 23 collaboration with a licensed clinical psychologist.

24 (2) If, before July 1, 1977, a person had already met  
 25 level II qualifications, as set forth in subsection (3) of

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1 66-3208.1, and was engaged in a private practice, this  
2 section does not prevent the continuation of that practice.

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