



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2378 (formerly HF 2182)	House Committee:	PASSED on February 19 (21-0)
Committee:	Human Resources	House Floor:	PASSED on March 5 (99-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Fry	Senate Floor:	PASSED on March 18 (45-0)
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Provisional License in Psychology

- This bill does not change the current qualifications for psychologist licensure.
- The bill establishes a new licensing category called a “provisional license in psychology.” This provisional license authorizes the licensee to practice psychology under the supervision of a person who meets the existing qualifications determined by the Board. The existing qualifications for licensure as a psychologist can be found in the bullet points below.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1

This section establishes a “provisional license” for psychology in the Code. A person that has a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution approved by the board but who has not completed the other requirements for licensure can apply for a provisional license. The provisional license authorizes the licensee to practice psychology under the supervision of a person who meets all of the board qualifications. Provisional licenses are valid for two years and the fee for the provisional license is set by the Board.

All applicants for licensure as a psychologist, including supervisors of people that have a provisional license, have to meet all of the following criteria:

- Possess a doctoral degree in psychology from an institution approved by the board of psychology
- Have completed at least one year of supervised professional experience under the supervision of a licensed psychologist
- Have passed an exam administered by the Board