

A bill for an act

relating to health professionals; allowing license conversion for certain psychologists; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 148.907, subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 148.907, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Converting from master's to doctoral level licensure.** (a) To convert from licensure as a licensed psychologist at the master's or master's equivalent level to licensure at the doctoral level, a licensed psychologist shall have:

(1) completed an application provided by the board;

(2) had an official transcript documenting the conferral of the doctoral degree sent directly from the educational institution to the board;

(3) paid a nonrefundable fee;

(4) successfully completed one full year or the equivalent in part time of supervised psychological employment, which shall not include a predoctoral internship, after earning a master's degree or a master's equivalent in a doctoral program;

(5) successfully completed a predoctoral internship meeting the standards the board has established by rule; and

(6) earned a doctoral degree with a major in psychology from a regionally accredited educational institution meeting the standards the board has established by rule.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply to a person who was licensed as a licensed psychologist with a master's degree or master's equivalent in a doctoral program prior to August 1, 1991, and subsequently earns a doctoral degree in psychology. The board shall convert the license to the doctoral level when the licensed psychologist has:

- 2.1 (1) completed an application provided by the board;
- 2.2 (2) earned a doctoral degree with a major in psychology from a regionally accredited
- 2.3 educational institution;
- 2.4 (3) had an official transcript documenting the conferral of the doctoral degree sent
- 2.5 directly from the educational institution to the board;
- 2.6 (4) paid a nonrefundable fee;
- 2.7 (5) passed the examination for professional practice in psychology at the doctoral
- 2.8 level; and
- 2.9 (6) actively and regularly practiced as a licensed psychologist based on a master's
- 2.10 degree or master's equivalent in a doctoral program since August 1, 1991, and is in good
- 2.11 standing with no disciplinary action pending before the board.