

HOUSE BILL No. 2372

AN ACT concerning the board of behavioral sciences; marriage and family therapists and psychologists; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-6406 and 74-5310 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-6406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6406. The board shall issue a license to an individual who is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice marriage and family therapy in another jurisdiction if the board determines that the standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice marriage and family therapy in the other jurisdiction are ~~at least equivalent to or exceed~~ *substantially the equivalent* of the requirements of the marriage and family therapists licensure act and rules and regulations of the board. An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-6411 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-5310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5310. (a) The board shall issue a license as a psychologist to any person who pays an application fee prescribed by the board, not in excess of \$150 and an original license fee not in excess of \$200, which shall not be refunded, who either satisfies the board as to such person's training and experience after a thorough review of such person's credentials ~~or~~ *and* who passes a satisfactory examination in psychology. Any person paying the fee must also submit evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that such person: (1) Is at least 21 years of age; (2) is of good moral character; (3) has received the doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological from an educational institution having a graduate program with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas, or the substantial equivalent of such program in both subject matter and extent of training; and (4) has had at least two years of supervised experience, a significant portion of which shall have been spent in rendering psychological services satisfying the board's approved standards for the psychological service concerned.

(b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the requirements established under item (3) of subsection (a). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the educational institution meets the requirements of item (3) of subsection (a) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational institutions shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-6406 and 74-5310 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.