

# House Bill 2081

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## SUMMARY

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Modifies exemptions to prohibition against practice of psychology or representation as psychologist without license.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to psychologist licensure; amending ORS 675.090.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 675.090 is amended to read:

5 675.090. (1) ORS 675.010 to 675.150 do not apply to:

6 (a) A person who teaches psychology, conducts psychological research or provides consulting  
7 services to an organization or institution, provided that the [*teaching, research or consulting services*  
8 *do not involve the delivery or supervision of direct psychological services to individuals who are*  
9 *themselves, rather than a third party, the beneficiaries of the services, regardless of the source or extent*  
10 *of payment for the services rendered.*] **person does not supervise direct psychological services and**  
11 **does not treat any behavioral, emotional or mental disorder of an individual.**

12 (b) The provision of expert testimony by a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

13 [(c) A person who is either:]

14 [(A) A matriculated graduate student pursuing a graduate degree in professional psychology at an  
15 approved doctoral program in psychology;]

16 [(B) A student pursuing post-doctoral training or experience in professional psychology, including  
17 a person seeking to fulfill the licensure requirements established in ORS 675.010 to 675.150; or]

18 [(C) A person pursuing certification or licensure or a graduate degree in any of the certified or  
19 licensed professions otherwise exempted from ORS 675.010 to 675.150.]

20 (c) **A graduate student enrolled in an approved psychology program who is pursuing a**  
21 **graduate degree in professional psychology, provided that the graduate student renders ser-**  
22 **vices only for academic credit as part of an organized and supervised training program.**

23 (d) **A person pursuing certification, licensure or a graduate degree in any of the certified**  
24 **or licensed professions exempted from ORS 675.010 to 675.150.**

25 [(d)] (e) A person who is [*licensed or certified*] **licensed, certified or otherwise authorized** by  
26 the State of Oregon to provide mental health services, provided that the services are rendered  
27 within the person's lawful scope of practice and that the person does not use the title  
28 "psychologist" in connection with the activities [*authorized*] **described** in this paragraph.

29 [(e) A person who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the State of Oregon to render  
30 professional services, provided that the services are rendered within the person's lawful scope of prac-  
31 tice and that the person does not use the title "psychologist" in connection with the activities authorized

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *under this paragraph.]*

2 (f) A person who is employed by a local, state or federal government agency, or employed by a  
 3 community mental health program or drug and alcohol treatment program licensed or certified by  
 4 the State of Oregon, to the extent that the person’s activities and services are rendered within the  
 5 person’s scope of employment and are performed within the confines of the employing agency and  
 6 provided that the person does not use the title “psychologist” in connection with the activities au-  
 7 thorized under this paragraph.

8 (g) A person who is a recognized member of the clergy, provided that the person is acting in the  
 9 person’s ministerial capacity and does not use the title “psychologist.”

10 (h) A person who has credentials as a school psychologist [*if*], **provided that** the person is an  
 11 employee of an educational institution and [*restricts the person’s practice to activities*] **practices only**  
 12 within a school setting. A person acting under this paragraph may use the title “school  
 13 psychologist.”

14 (2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(f) of this section, a person with a doctoral degree in psy-  
 15 chology who is employed by and practicing psychology at a local, state or federal government  
 16 agency or a community mental health program or drug and alcohol treatment program licensed or  
 17 certified by the State of Oregon may practice psychology without a license under ORS 675.010 to  
 18 675.150 for no more than 24 months after the person begins practicing psychology at the agency or  
 19 program.

20 (b) Before the person obtains a license under ORS 675.010 to 675.150:

21 (A) The person may practice psychology only within the scope of the person’s employment and  
 22 within the confines of the employing agency or program; and

23 (B) The person may not use the title “psychologist.”

24 (3) A person performing the functions described in subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section may  
 25 use the title “psychologist” only if the person holds a doctoral degree in psychology from an ap-  
 26 proved doctoral program in psychology.

27 (4) A person described in subsection (1)(c) of this section may use the title [*“psychological*  
 28 *trainee,” “psychological intern,” “psychologist resident” or “psychologist associate resident” if the per-*  
 29 *son is pursuing the education or training*] **“psychological intern” or “psychological trainee,”**  
 30 **provided that the training program** described in subsection (1)(c) of this section **is** under the  
 31 supervision and responsibility of a licensed psychologist in accordance with [*the*] rules adopted by  
 32 the State Board of Psychologist Examiners.

33 (5) Nothing in this section exempts from ORS 675.010 to 675.150 a person whose license to  
 34 practice psychology is revoked or suspended because the person engaged in sexual activity with a  
 35 client.

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