

House Bill 2044

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits State Board of Psychologist Examiners from discriminating against applicants, doctoral programs or institutions of higher education.

Prohibits board from refusing to approve certain doctoral programs of psychology.

Requires board to permit applicants for licensure who hold doctoral degree in psychology from institution of higher education to take licensure examination, regardless of year in residence requirements of institution.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to discrimination by psychologist regulatory board; creating new provisions; and amending
3 ORS 675.040.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 675.010**
6 **to 675.150.**

7 **SECTION 2. When exercising its authority under ORS 675.010 to 675.150, the State Board**
8 **of Psychologist Examiners may not discriminate against:**

9 (1) **An applicant based on the race, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, physical**
10 **disability, parental status or residence of the applicant; or**

11 (2) **A doctoral program in psychology or an institution of higher education that houses**
12 **a doctoral program in psychology, based on the geographic location of the program or insti-**
13 **tution or based on whether the program or institution offers online courses or requires**
14 **students to complete courses on the campus of the institution.**

15 **SECTION 3. The State Board of Psychologist Examiners may not deny approval of a**
16 **doctoral program in psychology solely because the program is not accredited by a profes-**
17 **sional organization of psychologists, if the program is housed within an institution of higher**
18 **education that is accredited by a regional higher education accrediting agency that is re-**
19 **cognized by the United States Department of Education.**

20 **SECTION 4. ORS 675.040 is amended to read:**

21 675.040. (1) Examinations administered by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners for appli-
22 cants for licenses under ORS 675.010 to 675.150 shall be held at least once every year at such times
23 and places as the board may determine. Timely and appropriate notice shall be sent to each appli-
24 cant.

25 (2) **The board shall permit an applicant who holds a doctoral degree in psychology from**
26 **an approved doctoral program in psychology, regardless of the structure for the year in**
27 **residence at the institution of education in which the program is housed, to take the board**
28 **administered examination.**

29 [(2)] (3) Any applicant may, upon written request to the board, discuss the applicant's perform-

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 ance on the board administered examination with the board.

2 [3] (4) Any applicant who fails to make a passing grade on the board administered examination
3 shall be allowed to take the examination a second time. Any applicant who fails the examination a
4 second time must obtain special permission from the board to take the examination again.

5 **SECTION 5. (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act apply to actions taken by the State**
6 **Board of Psychologist Examiners on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

7 **(2) The amendments to ORS 675.040 by section 4 of this 2015 Act apply to applicants who**
8 **receive doctoral degrees in psychology on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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