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## **Re:** HB 3355 Relating to prescribing psychologists – Conflict Amendment

**Representative Smith Warner:** "HB 3355 authorizes the Board of Psychologist Examiners to issue either full or conditional certificates, permitting licensed psychologists with certain experience and education to prescribe drugs that are used in mental health treatment, excluding opiate-based narcotics.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill, and it passed the House.

The –B20 amendment resolves conflicts with HB 2319 which merged the administrative functions of Board of Psychologist Examiners with the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists.

I recommend HB 3355 be amended by the –B20 conflict amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."