April 16, 2015

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 16, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB269 RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY  
ACT 009 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association has been accrediting programs in professional psychology for over sixty years, gaining formal recognition as an accrediting body by the United States Department of Education and the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. The Commission is responsible for the accreditation of education and training programs in professional psychology consistent with its recognized scope of accreditation practice, including doctoral level education, internship training in professional psychology, and post doctoral specialty training in professional psychology.

The purpose of this Act is to recognize American Psychological Association accredited doctoral programs that provide broad and general training in scientific psychology and in the foundations of practice and strive to prepare students for the practice of professional psychology.
SECTION 2. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Every applicant for a license as a psychologist shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) The applicant for licensure shall possess a doctoral degree from:

(A) An American Psychological Association approved program in clinical psychology, counseling psychology, school psychology, or programs offering combinations of two or more of these areas; or

(B) A professional psychology training program, awarded by an institution of higher education, or from a regionally accredited institution;

(2) The applicant for licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant has completed one year of post doctoral supervised experience in health service in psychology, and:

(A) An internship approved by the American Psychological Association; or
(B) One year of supervised experience in health service in psychology, in an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program; and

(3) The applicant for licensure has passed an examination as may be prescribed by the board."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED this 16 day of APR, 2015
HB No. 269

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: March 6, 2015
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015.

[Signature]
Joseph M. Souki
Speaker
House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: APR 06 2015
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015.

[Signature]
Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Carol Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate