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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY.

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

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

12           The purpose of this Act is to recognize American  
13 Psychological Association accredited doctoral programs that  
14 provide broad and general training in scientific psychology and  
15 in the foundations of practice and strive to prepare students  
16 for the practice of professional psychology.



1 SECTION 2. Section 465-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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

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

8 (A) An American Psychological Association approved  
9 program in clinical psychology[+], counseling  
10 psychology, school psychology, or programs  
11 offering combinations of two or more of these  
12 areas; or

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

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

20 (A) An internship approved by the American  
21 Psychological Association; or



1 (B) One year of supervised experience in health  
 2 service in psychology, in an internship or  
 3 residency program in an organized health service  
 4 training program; and

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

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

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# H.B. NO. 269

**Report Title:**

Psychologist Licensing; American Psychological Association;  
Accredited Doctoral Programs

**Description:**

Expands doctoral degree requirement for licensing of  
psychologists to include additional doctoral programs accredited  
by the American Psychological Association.

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