

A BILL

entitled

PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT ACT 2011

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Psychological Practitioners Act 1998;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act, which amends the Psychological Practitioners Act 1998 (the "principal Act"), may be cited as the Psychological Practitioners Amendment Act 2011.

Amends section 11

2 Section 11 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (c) by deleting the word "or" and substituting "and".

Amends section 16

3 Section 16 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting—

"(b) is unfit to practise by reason of adverse physical or mental health;
or".

Amends Schedule

4 The Schedule to the principal Act is amended by inserting the following next after paragraph 13—

"14 Fees shall be paid to members of the Council in accordance with Part B of the First Schedule to the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971.".

Consequential amendment

5 The Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971 is amended in Part B of the First Schedule by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following—

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“Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council - established under section 4 of the Psychological Practitioners Act 1998”.

Commencement

6 This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister responsible for Health may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Psychological Practitioners Act 1998 (the “Act”) to require that psychological practitioners have both practical experience and continuing education credits for the renewal of a certificate; to remove a restriction on practising based on old age and to allow members of the Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council to be paid a fee.

Clause 1 provides the citation of the Bill.

Clause 2 adds both evidence of psychological services and evidence of prescribed continuing education to the list of requirements for the renewal of a certificate.

Clause 3 removes the impairment by reason of old age as a criterion for suspension or restriction of a certificate of registration and replaces it with a restriction based on mental or physical health.

Clause 4 adds that members of the Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council will be paid a fee in accordance with fees under the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971.

Clause 5 provides for a consequential amendment to the Government Authorities (Fees) Act 1971 to create a reference for fees to be paid to the Bermuda Psychologists Registration Council.

Clause 6 provides for the commencement of the Act.