

**NOTE: The governor signed this measure on 5/4/2016.**

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 16-1379

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CONCERNING THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS MAY AWARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-307, **amend** (2) (b) introductory portion, (2) (b) (I), (2) (b) (III), (2) (b) (V), and (2) (b) (VI) introductory portion; **repeal** (2) (b) (VI) (D); and **add** (2) (b) (VII) as follows:

**12-43-307. Continuing professional development - rules.** (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing a continuing professional development program that includes, at a minimum, the following elements:

(b) A requirement that, every two years, a licensed psychologist complete at least forty hours of continuing professional development, ~~hours~~

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

~~that include a combination~~ INCLUDING ONE OR MORE of the following activities, IN ANY COMBINATION, chosen by the licensed psychologist:

(I) (A) Attending workshops; seminars; symposia; colloquia; invited speaker sessions; postdoctoral institutes; or scientific or professional programs offered at meetings of local, state, regional, national, or international professional or scientific organizations. ~~At least thirty-five hours of required continuing professional development hours~~ THE ACTIVITIES completed pursuant to this subparagraph (I) ~~which~~ may include online continuing education BUT must ~~be~~ QUALIFY AS continuing education units or continuing medical education credit approved by the American Psychological Association, state medical association, or Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education or BY a regionally accredited institution of higher education; EXCEPT THAT UP TO FIVE OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) MAY COME FROM ATTENDANCE AT NONACCREDITED PROGRAMMING THAT MEETS THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I).

(B) A licensed psychologist must retain a TRANSCRIPT OR A certificate of attendance, ~~or a transcript~~ INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF THE CREDITS EARNED, PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOP, SEMINAR, SYMPOSIUM, COLLOQUIUM, INVITED SPEAKER SESSION, POSTDOCTORAL INSTITUTE, OR SCIENTIFIC OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM OFFERED AT A MEETING OF A LOCAL, STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OR SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION as documentation of completion.

(III) Developing and teaching an academic course in psychology at an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association. Credit is given for the first time WITHIN A GIVEN LICENSURE CYCLE THAT the licensed psychologist teaches the course, as documented by the dean or head of the department of the institution in which the course was taught, and is based on the number of credit hours, units, or hours assigned by the institution. One academic credit, unit, or hour is equivalent to ten continuing professional development hours.

(V) Developing and presenting for the first time WITHIN A GIVEN LICENSURE CYCLE a workshop, seminar, symposium, colloquium, OR invited speaking session ~~or~~ AT A meeting of a professional or scientific

organization or a postdoctoral institute, documented by a printed program or agenda. One hour of workshop, SEMINAR, symposium, ~~or colloquial presentation,~~ OR INVITED SPEAKING SESSION is equivalent to three continuing professional development hours.

(VI) Authoring OR editing ~~or reviewing~~ a psychology publication ~~in the first year of the publication or distribution,~~ documented by a ~~publication~~ cover sheet, masthead, or table of contents FROM THE PUBLICATION. The maximum hours may be earned as follows:

(D) ~~Reviewing a journal article is equivalent to one hour of continuing professional development per manuscript.~~

(VII) PROVIDING EDITORIAL REVIEW OF A PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL OR SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL ARTICLE AT THE REQUEST OF THE JOURNAL'S EDITORIAL STAFF. SUCH A REVIEW, AS DOCUMENTED BY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE COMPLETED REVIEW BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF, IS EQUIVALENT TO ONE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to professional development credit earned on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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