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**HOUSE BILL 16-1379**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill clarifies and amends portions of the continuing professional development program for licensed psychologists, enacted in

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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2nd Reading Unamended  
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2015. The substantive amendments are as follows:

- ! Credit hours awarded for teaching or giving presentations may be awarded more than once for the same material, but only once during the same licensure cycle;
- ! Credit hours awarded for writing, editing, or reviewing a psychology publication are not limited to the first year of its publication or distribution; and
- ! Credit hours awarded for review of a journal article are limited to review of an article in a peer-reviewed journal, at the request of the editor.

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

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

6           **12-43-307. Continuing professional development - rules.**

7 (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing a continuing professional  
8 development program that includes, at a minimum, the following  
9 elements:

10           (b) A requirement that, every two years, a licensed psychologist  
11 complete at least forty hours of continuing professional development,  
12 ~~hours that include a combination~~ INCLUDING ONE OR MORE of the  
13 following activities, IN ANY COMBINATION, chosen by the licensed  
14 psychologist:

15           (I) (A) Attending workshops; seminars; symposia; colloquia;  
16 invited speaker sessions; postdoctoral institutes; or scientific or  
17 professional programs offered at meetings of local, state, regional,  
18 national, or international professional or scientific organizations. ~~At least~~  
19 ~~thirty-five hours of required continuing professional development hours~~  
20 THE ACTIVITIES completed pursuant to this subparagraph (I) ~~which~~ may

1 include online continuing education BUT must ~~be~~ QUALIFY AS continuing  
2 education units or continuing medical education credit approved by the  
3 American Psychological Association, state medical association, or  
4 Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education or BY a  
5 regionally accredited institution of higher education; EXCEPT THAT UP TO  
6 FIVE OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS  
7 COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) MAY COME FROM  
8 ATTENDANCE AT NONACCREDITED PROGRAMMING THAT MEETS THE OTHER  
9 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I).

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

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

26 (V) Developing and presenting for the first time WITHIN A GIVEN  
27 LICENSURE CYCLE a workshop, seminar, symposium, colloquium, OR

1 invited speaking session ~~or~~ AT A meeting of a professional or scientific  
2 organization or a postdoctoral institute, documented by a printed program  
3 or agenda. One hour of workshop, SEMINAR, symposium, ~~or~~ colloquial  
4 presentation, OR INVITED SPEAKING SESSION is equivalent to three  
5 continuing professional development hours.

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
18 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
19 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
20 general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,  
21 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
22 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
23 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
24 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
25 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
26 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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