

**SENATE BILL 237**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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1998 Regular Session  
(8lr1631)

***ENROLLED BILL***

*-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters --*

Introduced by **Senators Stoltzfus and Colburn**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Psychologists - Educational Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "doctoral degree in psychology" to  
4 include certain criteria published by the Council for the National Register of  
5 Health Service Providers in Psychology; authorizing the State Board of  
6 Examiners of Psychologists to consider postdoctoral course work in determining  
7 whether the doctoral degree in psychology meets certain criteria; making this  
8 Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the criteria for defining a  
9 doctoral degree in psychology.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Health Occupations  
12 Section 18-101(g)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Health Occupations**

4 18-101.

5 (g) (1) "Doctoral degree in psychology" means [a]:

6 (I) A degree received from a program that at the time the degree  
7 was awarded:

8 [(1)] 1. Is accredited by the American Psychological Association; or

9 [(2)] 2. Is listed in the designated doctoral programs in psychology  
10 published by:

11 [(i)] A. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology  
12 Boards; and

13 [(ii)] B. The Council for the National Register of Health Service  
14 Providers in Psychology; OR

15 (II) A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY THAT MEETS THE  
16 CRITERIA FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY PUBLISHED IN 1977 BY THE  
17 COUNCIL.

18 (2) (I) A DETERMINATION BY THE COUNCIL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II)  
19 OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY MEETS ITS  
20 CRITERIA ~~IN PSYCHOLOGY~~ SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AS PRIMA FACIE  
21 EVIDENCE THAT THE DEGREE MEETS THOSE CRITERIA.

22 (II) IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY  
23 MEETS THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
24 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER THE  
25 COMPLETION OF POSTDOCTORAL COURSE WORK IN PSYCHOLOGY, NOT TO EXCEED 9  
26 SEMESTER HOURS.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
28 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
29 and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
30 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
31 effect from the date it is enacted.

32 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
33 ~~October 1, 1998.~~

