

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

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BILL NO: SB 349 COMMITTEE: HGO POSITION: SUPPORT

<u>TITLE</u>: State Board of Examiners of Psychologists – License and Registration Issuance and Renewals – Electronic Means

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed Bill would authorize the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the Board) to cease printing and mailing paper licenses/registrations and permits those that hold an active license or registration to print verification of their status from the Board's website. In addition, the Board will no longer have to mail renewal notices, except in exceptional circumstances, but allows the Board to email renewal notices.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Board currently prints and mails licenses, registrations, and renewal notices. Using available electronic technology will expedite communication, improve accuracy, and are cost-saving measures.

Thank you for your time and support. The Board of Examiners of Psychologists respectfully asks for a favorable vote for SB 349. For more information, please contact Lorraine Smith, Executive Director at Lorraine.smith@Maryland.gov or at 410-764-4786.

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