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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 722 RECEIVED BY 

Submitted *jointly* by the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization and Finance on OCT 14 2009.

Re: S.B. No. 3498

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1168, 2280, 2484, and 3120.

Sponsor: Senator Panfilo M. Lacson

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization and Finance, to which were referred S. B. No. 1168 introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. *entitled*:

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

S. B. No. 2280, introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, *entitled*:

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

S. B. No. 2484, introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda, *entitled*:

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOMETRICS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

S. B. No. 3120, introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson, *entitled*:

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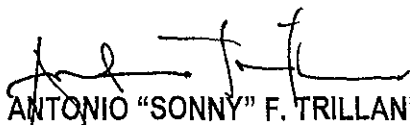
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 3498 prepared by the Committees, *entitled:*

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1168, 2280, 2484, and 3120, with Senators Trillanes IV, Angara, Roxas and Lacson as authors thereof.

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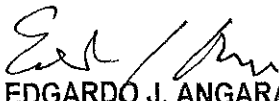
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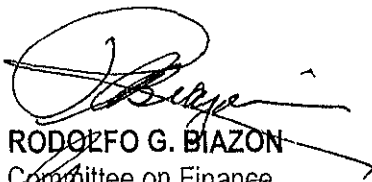


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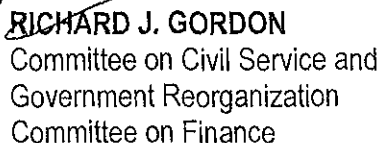
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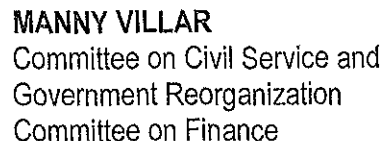
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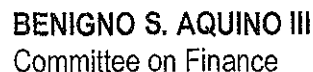
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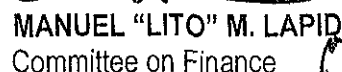
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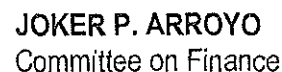
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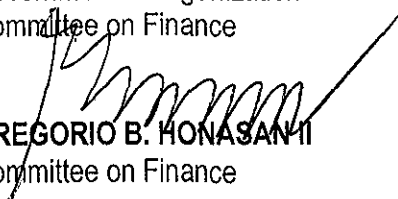


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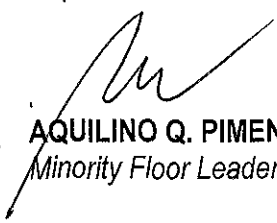

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S. No. 3498

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(In Substitution to Senate Bill Nos. 1168, 2280, 2484, and 3120)

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**AN ACT
TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY CREATING FOR THIS
PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines and Congress assemble:

Article I – TITLE

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Philippine Psychology Act of 2009.*"

Article II – STATEMENT OF POLICY

SEC. 2. *Statement of Policy.* - The State recognizes that psychologists have an important role in nation-building and development. It also acknowledges the diverse specializations of psychologists and the diverse functions specific to the varied specializations. In particular, it recognizes the significance of the psychological services that practicing psychologists provide to diverse types of clients, but also recognizes the need to protect the public by preventing inexperienced or untrained individuals from offering psychological services. Hence, it shall nurture competent, upright, and assiduous psychologists whose standards of practice and service shall be excellent and globally competitive through the administration of inviolable, effective and credible licensure examinations and the imposition and promotion of regulatory measures, programs and activities that enhance their professional growth and well-being.

Article III – DEFINITION OF TERMS

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) **“Psychology”** is the scientific study of human behavior. It involves the application of scientific methods to inquire into the biological, cognitive, affective, developmental, personality, social, cultural, and individual difference dimensions of human behavior;

(b) **“Practice of Psychology”** consists of the delivery of psychological services that involve application of psychological principles and procedures for the purpose of describing, understanding, predicting and influencing the behavior of individuals or groups, in order to assist in the attainment of optimal human growth and functioning. The delivery of psychological services includes, but is not limited to: 1) Psychological Interventions: psychological counseling, psychotherapy, psychosocial support, coaching, psychological debriefing, group processes, and all other psychological interventions that involve the application of psychological principles to improve psychological functioning of individuals, families, groups, and organizations; 2) Psychological Assessment: gathering and integration of psychology-related data for the purpose of making a psychological evaluation, accomplished through a variety of tools, including individual tests, projective tests, clinical interviews, and other psychological assessment tools, for the purpose of assessing diverse psychological functions including cognitive abilities, aptitudes, personality characteristics, attitudes, values, interests, emotions and motivations, among others, in support of psychological counseling, psychotherapy and other psychological interventions; 3) Psychological Programs: development, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of psychological treatment programs and other psychological intervention programs for individuals and/or groups;

(c) **“Psychologist”** means a natural person who is duly registered and holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card as professional psychologist, issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology and the Professional Regulation Commission pursuant to this Act for the purpose of delivering the different psychological services defined in this Act.

(d) **“Psychometrician”** means a natural person who holds a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card as psychometrician issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology and

1 the Professional Regulation Commission pursuant to this Act. As such, he or she
2 shall be authorized to do any of the following; provided, that such shall at all
3 times be conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional
4 psychologist: (1) Administering and scoring of objective personality tests,
5 structured personality tests, pen-and-paper intelligence, achievement, and
6 interest tests, excluding projective tests and other higher level forms of
7 psychological tests; (2) Interpreting results of the same and preparing a written
8 report on these results; (3) Conducting preparatory intake interviews of clients for
9 psychological intervention sessions.

11 **ARTICLE IV – PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

13 **SEC. 4. Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory**
14 **Board of Psychology.** - There is hereby created a Professional Regulatory
15 Board of Psychology, hereinafter called the Board, a collegial body under the
16 administrative control and supervision of the Professional Regulation
17 Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall be
18 composed of a Chairperson and two (2) members appointed by the President of
19 the Philippines from a list of three (3) nominees for each position. The list of
20 nominees shall be submitted to the Commission by the integrated and accredited
21 national organization of psychologists. The Board shall be organized not later
22 than sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

24 **SEC. 5. Qualifications of the Chairperson and the Members of the**
25 **Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology.** - The Chairperson and
26 Members of the Board shall, at the time of their appointment and for the course
27 of their term, possess the following qualifications:

- 28 (a) A natural born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- 29 (b) At least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- 30 (c) Possess good moral character;
- 31 (d) Hold a Doctorate Degree in Psychology conferred by a university,
32 college or school in the Philippines or abroad duly recognized and/or accredited
33 by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- 34 (e) Have at least ten (10) years of practice in psychology and
35 psychometrics in a duly recognized institution, clinic, or center, as well as at least
36 five (5) years of teaching experience in the field of psychology;
- 37 (f) Be a registered and licensed psychologist, except in the case of the first
38 members of the Board who shall automatically be conferred a valid certificate of

1 registration and a valid professional identification card in psychology and
2 psychometrics upon appointment to the Board;

3 (g) Is neither an officer, trustee nor member of the faculty of any
4 university, college, institute or school where a regular course in psychology is
5 offered or taught or review classes conducted, and shall not have any pecuniary
6 interest, direct or indirect, in any such institution;

7 (h) Is not an officer, nor hold any position other than being a member, of
8 the integrated and accredited national organization of psychologists; and

9 (i) Shall not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude.

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11 **SEC. 6. Term of Office.** - The members of the Board shall hold office for
12 a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been appointed and
13 duly qualified. Each member of the Board may be reappointed for one (1) full
14 term of three (3) years. The first members of the Board shall hold office for the
15 following terms: the Chairperson for three (3) years; one member for two (2)
16 years; and the other member for one (1) year, which shall be specified in their
17 respective appointments. Any vacancy occurring within the term of a member
18 shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term only. Each member of the
19 Board shall qualify by taking the proper oath prior to the performance of his/her
20 duties.

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22 **SEC. 7. Powers and Duties.** - The Board shall have the following powers
23 and duties:

24 (a) Administer and implement the provisions of this Act and promulgate as
25 well as revise or update, as necessary, rules and regulations, resolutions and
26 guidelines hereto: provided, that the policies, resolutions, rules and regulations
27 issued or promulgated by the Board shall be subject to review and approval of
28 the Commission;

29 (b) Supervise and monitor the registration, licensure and practice of
30 psychologists and psychometricians in the Philippines;

31 (c) Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act;

32 (d) Issue, and upon compliance with due process requirements suspend
33 or revoke, and/or reinstate, the certificate of registration and professional
34 identification card for psychologists and psychometricians;

35 (e) Adopt an official seal of the Board;

36 (f) Monitor the conditions and circumstances affecting the practice of
37 psychology and psychometrics in the Philippines and adopt such measures as

1 may be deemed lawful and proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high
2 professional, ethical and technical standards of the profession;

3 (g) Issue permits to and exercise visitatorial powers over agencies,
4 institutions, associations, corporations and partnerships to verify that the persons
5 practicing psychology and psychometrics therein are psychologists and
6 psychometricians with valid certificates of registration and valid professional
7 identification cards, and that they possess the necessary accreditation, skills
8 and/or facilities to competently carrying out their functions;

9 (h) Assist the Commission in the formulation and implementation of the
10 guidelines on continuing professional education for psychologists and
11 psychometricians;

12 (i) Ensure, in coordination with the CHED, that all educational institutions
13 offering the course/program of psychology strictly comply with the policies,
14 standards and requirements prescribed by CHED for such course/program,
15 especially in the areas of administration, curriculum, faculty, library and facilities;

16 (j) Prepare, adopt, issue and amend, in consultation with CHED, syllabi for
17 the licensure examination subjects;

18 (k) Investigate and, when warranted, hear administrative cases involving
19 violations of this Act, its implementing rules and regulations as hereinafter
20 promulgated, and any applicable code of ethics and/or code of professional
21 standards. For this purpose, it may issue *subpoena testificandum* and *subpoena*
22 *duces tecum* to secure the appearances of witnesses and the production of
23 documents in connection therewith: Provided, that the Board's decision,
24 resolution or orders rendered in administrative cases shall be subject to review
25 only on appeal;

26 (l) Perform such other functions and duties as may be lawfully delegated
27 to it, or as it may deem necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act. 184

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29 **SEC. 8. Compensation and Allowances.** - The Chairperson and
30 Members of the Board shall receive the same compensation and allowances as
31 those received by the Chairperson and Members of the existing regulatory
32 boards under the Commission, as provided in the charter of the Commission and
33 in the General Appropriations Act.

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35 **SEC. 9. Removal or Suspension of Members of the Professional**
36 **Regulatory Board of Psychology.** - Any member of the Board may, upon the
37 recommendation of the Commission upon observance of due process and
38 completion of the proper investigation, be suspended or removed by the

1 President from office for cause, such as gross neglect of duty, incompetence,
2 malpractice, behavior unbecoming of a psychology professional, immorality,
3 unethical or dishonorable conduct, final conviction of any crime involving moral
4 turpitude, any act of graft and corruption, and participation in the manipulation of
5 or any dishonesty relative to the licensure examinations and/or the registration
6 process.

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8 **SEC. 10. *Administrative Supervision over the Board, Custodian of its***
9 ***Records, Secretariat and Support Services.*** - The Board shall be under the
10 administrative supervision and control of the Commission. All records of the
11 Board, including documents relative to the licensure examinations as well as
12 administrative and other investigative cases conducted by the Board, shall be
13 kept in the custody of the Commission. The Commission shall designate the
14 Secretary of the Board and shall provide the Secretariat with necessary support
15 services to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

16 17 **Article V – Licensure Examinations**

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19 **SEC. 11. *Examinations Required.*** - All applicants for registration to
20 practice psychology and psychometrics shall be required to pass a licensure
21 examination for psychologists and psychometricians to be conducted by the
22 Board in such places and dates, and subject to such requirements, prescribed by
23 the Commission.

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25 **SEC. 12. *Qualifications of Applicants for the Licensure Examination***
26 ***for Psychologists.*** - Any person may apply to take the examination for
27 registration and licensure as a psychologist after furnishing evidence satisfactory
28 to the Board that the applicant:

29 (a) is a Filipino citizen, a permanent resident, or a citizen of a foreign
30 state/country which extends reciprocity to the Philippines relative to the practice
31 of the profession;

32 (b) holds at least a Master's degree in Psychology conferred by a
33 university, college or school in the Philippines or abroad recognized/accredited
34 by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and has obtained sufficient
35 credits for the subjects covered in the examination;

36 (c) has undergone a minimum of two hundred hours of supervised
37 practicum/internship/clinical experience related to services enumerated in par. (b)

1 of sec. 3 of this act and under the auspices of a licensed psychologist or other
2 licensed mental health professional;

3 (d) is of good moral character; and

4 (e) has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.

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6 **SEC. 13. Qualifications of Applicants for the Licensure Examination**
7 **for Psychometricians.** - Any person may apply to take the examination for
8 registration and licensure as a psychometrician by furnishing evidence
9 satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

10 (a) is a Filipino citizen, a permanent resident, or a citizen of a foreign
11 state/country which extends reciprocity to the Philippines relative to the practice
12 of the profession;

13 (b) holds at least a Bachelor's degree in Psychology conferred by a
14 university, college or school in the Philippines or abroad recognized/accredited
15 by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and has obtained sufficient
16 credits for the subjects covered in the examination;

17 (c) is of good moral character; and

18 (d) has not been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude.

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20 **SEC. 14. Examination Subjects for Psychologists.** - The licensure
21 examination for psychologists shall cover the following subjects:

22 (a) Advanced Theories of Personality

23 (b) Advanced Abnormal Psychology

24 (c) Advanced Psychological Assessment

25 (d) Psychological Counseling and Psychotherapy

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27 **SEC. 15 Examination Subjects for Psychometricians.** - The licensure
28 examinations for psychometricians shall cover the following subjects:

29 (a) Theories of Personality

30 (b) Abnormal Psychology

31 (c) Industrial Psychology

32 (c) Psychological Assessment

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34 The board may recluster, rearrange, modify, add or exclude and prescribe
35 subjects for psychologists and psychometricians as the need arises.

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37 **SEC. 16. Registration without Examination for Psychologists.** - A
38 person who possesses the qualifications required to take the examination for

1 registration as a psychologist pursuant to the provisions of this Act may be
2 registered without examination: Provided, that the applicant files with the Board
3 within three (3) years after its creation an application for registration and
4 issuance of certificate of registration and professional identification card by
5 submitting credentials satisfactory to the Board that the applicant had, on or prior
6 to the effectivity of this Act, fulfilled the requirements under either subparagraph
7 (1), (2), or (3) herein:

8 (1) Obtained a doctoral degree in Psychology and had accumulated three
9 (3) years of work experience in the practice of psychology;

10 (2) Obtained a Master's degree in Psychology and accumulated a
11 minimum of five (5) years of work experience in the practice of psychology;

12 (3) Psychologists or employees who hold positions as psychologists
13 presently employed in various government or private agencies, who have a
14 Bachelor's degree in Psychology, accumulated a minimum of ten (10) years of
15 work experience in the practice of psychology as a psychologist, and who have
16 updated their professional education in various psychology-related functions.

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18 **SEC. 17. Registration Without Examination for Psychometricians.** - A
19 person who possesses the qualifications required to take the examination for
20 registration as a psychometrician may be registered without examination:
21 Provided, that the applicant files with the Board within three (3) years after its
22 creation an application for registration and issuance of a certificate of registration
23 and professional identification card by submitting credentials satisfactory to the
24 Board that the applicant before the effectivity of this Act had obtained a
25 bachelor's degree in Psychology and had accumulated a minimum of two (2)
26 years' full time work experience in the practice of psychometrics.

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28 **SEC. 18. Ratings in the Examination.** - To be qualified as having passed
29 the licensure examination for psychologists and psychometricians, a candidate
30 must have obtained a weighted general average of at least seventy-five percent
31 (75%) for all subjects, with no grade lower than sixty percent (60%) in any given
32 subject. An examinee who obtains a weighted general average of seventy-five
33 percent (75%) or higher but obtains a rating below sixty percent (60%) in any
34 given subject may retake such subject or subjects within the next two (2) years,
35 and upon obtaining a rating of at least seventy-five percent (75%) in each such
36 subject, shall then be deemed to have passed the licensure examination.

1 **SEC. 23. Non-issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional**
2 **Identification Card.** - The Board shall not register nor issue a certificate of
3 registration or professional identification card to any person convicted of a
4 criminal offense involving moral turpitude, has been found guilty by a judicial or
5 other duly constituted tribunal of immoral or dishonorable conduct, or has been
6 medically diagnosed to be of unsound mind. In the event of non-issuance of the
7 certificate for any reason, the Board shall furnish the applicant a written
8 statement setting forth the reasons for such denial, which statement shall be
9 incorporated to the records of the Board.

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11 **SEC. 24. Foreign Reciprocity.** - No foreigner shall be admitted to the
12 Psychology or Psychometrics licensure examinations unless he/she proves that
13 the country of which he/she is a citizen either:

14 (1) admits Filipino citizens to the practice of psychology or psychometrics
15 without need for registration and issuance of a certificate of
16 registration/professional identification card;

17 (2) allows Filipino citizens to practice psychology or psychometrics without
18 restriction; or

19 (4) allows Filipino citizens to practice the same after an examination on
20 terms of strict and absolute equality with nationals of said country.

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22 **SEC. 25. Practice Through Special Temporary Permit.** - Special
23 temporary permits may be issued by the Board, subject to the approval by the
24 Commission and payment of appropriate fees, to the following persons:

25 (1) Licensed psychologists or psychometricians from foreign
26 countries/states who are internationally acknowledged specialists or outstanding
27 experts in psychology or psychometrics, provided that their services are
28 important and necessary either due to the lack or inadequacy of available local
29 specialists or experts or in recognition of their potential contribution to the
30 promotion and advancement of the practice of psychology or psychometrics
31 through transfer of technology;

32 (2) Licensed psychologists or psychometricians from foreign
33 countries/states whose services shall be free and offered exclusively to indigent
34 patients in a particular hospital, center or clinic; and

35 (3) Licensed psychologists or psychometricians from foreign
36 countries/states employed as exchange professors to teach psychology or
37 psychometrics in schools, colleges, universities offering psychology or
38 psychometrics courses or programs.

1 The permit shall detail the conditions thereof which shall, among other
2 things, include the effectivity period of not more than one (1) year subject to
3 renewal, and the specific place of practice such as the clinic, hospital, center,
4 school, college, university offering the course of psychology or psychometrics.
5 The Board, subject to the approval by the Commission, shall prescribe rules and
6 regulations on the implementation of this particular section.

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8 **SEC. 26. *Suspension or Revocation of Certificate of Registration and***
9 ***Professional Identification Card or Cancellation of a Special Temporary***

10 ***Permit.*** - The Board shall have the power, after notice and hearing, to suspend
11 or revoke the certificate of registration and professional identification card or to
12 cancel special temporary permits granted pursuant to this Act on any ground set
13 forth in Section 30 of this Act or any of the instances hereunder:

14 (a) Procurement of a certificate of registration and/or professional
15 identification card, or special temporary permit by fraud or deceit

16 (b) Allowing an unqualified person to advertise or to practice the
17 profession by using one's certificate of registration or professional identification
18 card or special temporary permit

19 (c) Violating or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of this Act, its
20 implementing rules and regulations, the code of ethics or code of professional
21 standards promulgated hereinafter by the Board

22 (d) *Manifest physical or mental incompetence* to render psychological
23 services with reasonable skill and safety to his/her clients/patients

24 (e) Professional misconduct or negligence in the performance of duties as
25 a psychologist or psychometrician

26 (f) Engaging in the practice of the profession during the period of one's
27 suspension.

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29 **SEC. 27. *Reinstatement.*** - A psychologist or psychometrician whose
30 certificate of registration has been revoked may apply to the Board for
31 reinstatement at any time after two (2) years from the date of revocation of said
32 certificate. The application shall be in writing and shall conform to requirements
33 hereinafter prescribed by the Board. No certificate of registration or professional
34 identification card shall be reinstated unless the Board is satisfied that a good
35 cause exists to warrant such reinstatement. Issuance of a new certificate of
36 registration or professional identification card, or special temporary permit in lieu
37 of one that has been lost, destroyed or mutilated shall be subject to applicable
38 rules prescribed by the Commission.

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2 **SEC. 28. Appeal from Judgment.** - The decision of the Board shall *ipso*
3 *facto* become final fifteen (15) days from receipt of the decision by the
4 respondent unless an appeal has been filed with the Commission within the
5 same period. The Commission's decision on appeal may be further appealed
6 before the Court of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

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8 **SEC. 29. Rights of the Respondent.** - The respondent psychologist or
9 psychometrician shall have the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of
10 the proceedings as well as to speedy disposition of his/her case. He/she shall
11 have the right to confront witnesses against him/her in addition to such other
12 rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

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14 **Article VII – Privileged Communication and Professional Integration**

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16 **SEC. 30. Rights to Privileged Communication for Psychologists and**
17 **Psychometricians.** - A psychologist or psychometrician cannot without the
18 consent of the client/patient, be examined on any communication or information
19 disclosed and/or acquired in the course of giving psychological services to such
20 client. The protection accorded herein shall extend to all pertinent records and
21 shall be available to the secretary, clerk or other staff of the licensed psychologist
22 or psychometrician. Any evidence obtained in violation of this provision shall be
23 inadmissible for any purpose in any proceeding.

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25 **SEC 31. Integration of the Profession.** - The profession shall hereinafter
26 be integrated by consolidating all practitioners into one national organization of
27 registered and licensed psychologists and psychometricians, which shall be
28 recognized and accredited by the Board, subject to approval of the Commission.
29 A psychologist or psychometrician duly registered and licensed by the Board and
30 the Commission shall automatically become a member of said organization and
31 shall receive the benefits and privileges, as well as be subject to all
32 responsibilities and obligations, appurtenant thereto upon payment of the
33 required fees and dues. Membership in the integrated organization shall not be a
34 bar to membership in any other association of psychologists and/or
35 psychometricians.

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37 **Sec. 32. Code of Ethics and Code of Practice for Psychologists and**
38 **Psychometricians.** - The Board shall adopt and promulgate the Code of Ethics

1 and Code of Practice for Psychologists and Psychometricians prescribed and
2 issued by the accredited professional organization of psychologists.

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4 **Article VIII – Prohibited Acts, Penalties and Enforcement of this Act**

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6 **SEC 33. Prohibited Acts.** (1) No person shall:

7 (a) Engage in the professional practice of psychology or psychometrics
8 nor represent himself/herself as a professional practicing psychologist or
9 psychometrician without a valid certificate of registration/valid professional
10 identification card, or a valid special temporary permit granted by the Board
11 pursuant to this Act

12 (b) Represent himself/herself to be a licensed and authorized practicing
13 psychologist or psychometrician during the time that his/her certificate of
14 registration has been suspended or revoked or professional identification card
15 without being renewed, or special temporary permit cancelled

16 (c) Allow any other person to use his/her certificate of registration and
17 professional identification card or special temporary permit for any purpose,
18 regardless of whether such act actually enables the unqualified individual to
19 engage in the practice of psychology or psychometrics

20 (d) Use, exhibit and/or misrepresent as his/her own the certificate of
21 registration and/or professional identification card or special temporary permit of
22 another

23 (e) Give any false, inaccurate, misleading or incomplete information to the
24 Board in order to obtain a certificate of registration or professional identification
25 card or special temporary permit

26 (2) No corporation, partnership, association or entity shall operate a
27 psychology or psychometrics office, center, clinic, or otherwise engage in the
28 practice or allow the practice psychology or psychometrics within its premises,
29 without securing a permit therefor from the Board. Such permit shall be issued
30 only after the Board is satisfied that such establishment is competently staffed by
31 a psychologist and equipped with sufficient and adequate psychology-related
32 instruments and facilities

33 (3) A violation of any provision of this Act or of its implementing rules and
34 regulations shall be penalized accordingly.

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36 **SEC. 34. Penalties.** - Any person who violates any provision of this Act or
37 its implementing rules and regulations shall be punished with imprisonment of not
38 less than six (6) months but not more than three (3) years, or a fine of not less

1 than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than One Hundred
2 Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the Court.

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4 **SEC. 35. Injunction.** - The Board may initiate action to enjoin, restrain,
5 and/or prosecute any individual, corporation, association, partnership or entity
6 engaging in the practice of psychology and psychometrics in violation of this Act.

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8 **SEC. 36. Enforcement.** - It shall be the duty of all duly constituted law
9 enforcement agencies and officers of national, provincial, city or municipal
10 governments to uphold and enforce the provisions of this Act and to investigate
11 and prosecute or cause the investigation and prosecution of any person violating
12 the same.

13 **Article IX – Miscellaneous Provisions**

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15 **SEC. 37. Funding Provision.** - The Chairperson of the Commission shall
16 immediately hereinafter include in the Commission's programs the prompt
17 implementation of this Act, funding of which shall be provided for in the Annual
18 General Appropriations Act.

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20 **SEC. 38. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90)
21 days after the constitution of the Board, it shall promulgate the necessary
22 implementing rules and regulations, subject to approval of the Commission, to
23 implement the provisions of this Act.

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25 **SEC. 39. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act shall at any
26 time be found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected
27 by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

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29 **SEC. 40. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, rules or regulations
30 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
31 accordingly.

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33 **SEC. 41. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
34 following its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

35 Approved,