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S*0718 (Rat #0408, Act #0396 of 1998) General Bill, By O'Dell Similar (H 3820)

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-55-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PRACTICING PSYCHOLOGY WITHOUT A LICENSE; TO ADD SECTION 40-55-120 SO AS TO REQUIRE PSYCHOLOGISTS TO PROVIDE PATIENTS WITH A STATEMENT OF THEIR RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES TO FILE A COMPLAINT: TO ADD SECTION 40-55-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO HEALTH INSURER IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OR PAY FOR SERVICES AUTHORIZED IN THIS CHAPTER; TO AMEND SECTION 40-55-50, RELATING TO ACTS CONSTITUTING PRACTICING AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY WHAT ACTS CONSTITUTE SUCH PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-55-80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGY LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SO AS TO REVISE AND FURTHER SPECIFY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING REQUIRING A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND REMOVING THE PROVISION THAT A LICENSE MAY BE AWARDED WITHOUT EXAMINATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-55-90, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY AND CLARIFY THESE EXEMPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-55-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE ACT SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO PRACTICE OR OFFER TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 55, TITLE 40, TO INCREASE PENALTIES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO REFER POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS TO THE SOLICITOR, TO AMEND CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THIS CHAPTER TO CONFORM TO THE STATUTORY ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 FOR BOARDS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF THESE COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS.-AMENDED TITLE

04/30/97	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-3
04/30/97	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-3
05/21/97	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-7
05/22/97	Senate	Recommitted to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-73
04/22/98	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs SJ-7
04/29/98	Senate	Read second time SJ-23
04/29/98	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-23
04/30/98	Senate	Amended SJ-34
04/30/98	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-34
05/05/98	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-7
05/05/98	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-8
05/20/98	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry HJ-80
05/26/98	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, May 27, 1998 HJ-22
05/27/98	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Cotty, Moody-Lawrence, J. Brown, Scott, McMahand, Lloyd,
		Inabinett, Cato, Cobb-Hunter, Law, Limehouse, Gourdine, Tripp, Sharpe, Beck, R. Smith, J. Hines,
		Clyburn & Breeland HJ-30
05/28/98	House	Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). J. Brown, Limehouse, Cato, Scott, Law, McMahand,
		Inabinett, Gourdine, Breeland, J. Hines, Moody-Lawrence, Sharpe, Clyburn, R. Smith, Lloyd &
		Tripp HJ-25
05/28/98	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Knotts HJ-56
05/28/98	House	Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Beck HJ-56
05/28/98	House	Amended HJ-57
05/28/98	House	Read second time HJ-101
06/02/98	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-14
06/03/98	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled
06/04/98		Ratified R 408
06/11/98		Became law without Governor's signature
06/11/98		Effective date 07/01/98