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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 7, 2023

Introduced by Sen. BROUK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to continuing education requirements for the profession of psychology

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 7607 of the education law, as added by chapter 436 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

2. During each triennial registration period, an applicant for registration as a psychologist shall complete a minimum of thirty-six hours of acceptable learning activities, a minimum of three hours of which shall be course work in the area of professional ethics, including the laws, rules and regulations for practice in New York**, and a minimum of three hours of which shall be in course work in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion**. Any psychologist whose first registration date following the effective date of this section occurs less than three years from such effective date, but on or after January first, two thousand twenty-one, shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated basis at the rate of one hour per month for the period beginning January first, two thousand twenty-one up to the first registration date thereafter. A psychologist who has not satisfied the mandatory continuing education requirement shall not be issued a triennial registration certificate by the department and shall not practice unless and until a conditional registration is issued as provided for in subdivision three of this section. Continuing education hours taken during one triennium may not be transferred to the subsequent triennium.

§ 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 7607 of the education law, as added by chapter 436 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) "formal courses of learning" shall include, but not be limited to, collegiate level credit and non-credit courses, professional devel-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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opment programs and technical sessions offered by national, state, and local professional associations and other organizations acceptable to the department, and any other organized educational and technical programs acceptable to the department. Formal courses must be taken from [~~a~~] **the American Psychological Association, its divisions, its affiliates, or any** sponsor approved by the department, based upon a application and fee, pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.