

Dr. MELTZER. Those are two sections. One is in Section 4 where it states that the psychologist who engages in practice is required to assist his client in obtaining professional help for his client's problems that fall outside of the boundaries of the psychologist's own competence.

Then, again, it comes up in terms of the reason for the revocation of the licensure on page 12 of the Senate bill. It is in Section 14(E), "found guilty of the unethical practice of psychology in violation of standards to be established by the Commissioner."

Now, this is the reason for that. The ethical standards of the psychological association makes it clear that the psychologist must not offer services in a specialty that he was not trained in. The other states incorporate those in the code of ethics. It will serve to be the cause of the loss of license. It is in two places.

Mr. GUDE. On page 3, Section 4 reads:

The psychologist who engages in practice is expected to assist his client in obtaining professional help for all relevant aspects of the client's problem that fall outside of the boundaries of the psychologist's own competence. * * *

I thought I heard you say that before he engaged in the practice that he must assist his client—

Dr. MELTZER. It is in the section.

Mr. GUDE. That seems to me as broad language.

Dr. MELTZER. He will lose his license if he does it.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Whitener?

STANDARDS

Mr. WHITENER. Referring to S. 1864, in subsection E, of section 14, at page 11, it says "found guilty of the unethical practice of psychology in violation of standards to be established by the Commissioner."

I am wondering where in the bill is there any authority for the Commissioner to establish standards. I have not seen anything of that import in the bill. The Senate bill (S. 1864), as I read it, gives to the existing District of Columbia City Council the right to establish regulations, but in the bill itself it says "standards to be promulgated by the Commissioner." It seems to me that subsection E of section 14 is meaningless, unless there is something in the bill that I have not read.

Dr. MELTZER. I understood that it was included among the regulations that the Commissioner would set up.

Mr. WHITENER. As I read the bill, there are no regulations to be set up by the Commissioner.

Dr. MELTZER. This is partly an amendment that was added to it.

Mr. WHITENER. It does not do what you say it does. It is meaningless.

Dr. MELTZER. It would be the amendment.

Mr. WHITENER. I was wondering what one would find from reading the bill. Do you find anywhere where the Commissioner is given that authority?

Mr. GUDE. No, I do not.

Are you aware of where the section is that the Commissioner is given the authority?