

SEC. 2. The practice of psychology in the District of Columbia is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest to protect the public from the unauthorized and unqualified practice of psychology, and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice psychology.

SEC. 3. As used in this Act—

(A) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District of Columbia or his authorized agent or agents.

(B) "Person" includes an association, partnership, or corporation, as well as natural persons.

(C) "Accredited college or university" means any college or university which, in the Commissioner's determination, offers either an acceptable full-time resident graduate program of study in psychology leading to the doctoral degree, or a comparable program. In making his determination concerning domestic educational institutions, the Commissioner shall accredit those institutions included in the listings of approved academic institutions published by the United States Office of Education; in determining what foreign educational institutions shall be accredited the Commissioner may take into account the published lists of accrediting agencies and of professional associations.

(D) "The practice of psychology" is the rendering of or offering to render to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, any service involving the application of established methods and principles of the science and profession of psychology, except as provided in Sections 5 and 20 of this Act. These principles and methods are concerned with understanding, predicting, and changing behavior, and they include, but are not restricted to, the use of counseling and psychotherapy with groups or individuals having adjustment problems in the areas of work, family, school, and personal relationships; measuring, testing, and assessing aptitudes, skills, public opinion, attitudes, emotions, personality, and intelligence; teaching or lecturing in psychology and doing research on problems relating to human behavior.

(E) *For purposes of this Act, references herein to "the practice of counseling and psychotherapy" mean the offering by an individual of services involving the application of the principles and techniques of counseling and psychotherapy, individually and in groups, to individuals with personal complaints and/or symptoms.*

SEC. 4. (A) The psychologist who engages in practice shall assist his client in obtaining professional help for all aspects of the client's problem that fall outside of the boundaries of the psychologist's own competence, and in the case of clients for counseling and psychotherapy who are not medical referrals, shall make provision for the diagnosis and treatment of medical problems by an appropriately qualified medical practitioner.

(B) *Nothing in this Act shall be construed as permitting the administration or prescription of drugs, surgery, or any manual or mechanical treatment whatsoever, by any person not certified under the Healing Arts Practice Act, District of Columbia, 1928, as amended, nor as permitting a licensee to engage in the practice of the healing art as defined in said Healing Arts Practice Act, except a licensee may engage in the treatment of disease as defined in said Healing Arts Practice Act by means of counseling and psychotherapy, when the primary responsibility for the diagnosis and treatment of the disease devolves upon a physician certified under said Act and there is provision for effective collaboration between the licensee and the physician.*

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice psychology, or to represent himself to be a psychologist, *unless he shall have a valid, unexpired, unrevoked and unsuspended license pursuant to this Act, and for any person to practice, or to offer to practice, or to represent himself to practice counseling and psychotherapy unless he shall have an appropriate valid, unexpired, unrevoked and unsuspended license to do so, endorsed pursuant to section 7 (B), except as hereinafter provided.*

(A) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the activities of and use of the title "psychologist" by a person in the employ of any governmental agency, academic institution, charitable agency, research laboratory, or business corporation: *Provided*, That the services performed by such an employee are a part of his office or position, are provided only within the confines of the organization or offered to like organizations, and are not the practice of counseling and psychotherapy. Persons providing services to the public through governmental organizations, such as clinics, who are compensated by their employer rather than