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House Bill 4638

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4638 AS INTRODUCED 4-13-89

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to create a new psychology license to be called an "associate psychologist license," and to restrict the title "associate psychologist" to people holding the license. Generally speaking, the board of psychology would grant this license to people with master's degrees in psychology who now qualify under the code for a limited license. (Licensed psychologists otherwise must hold doctoral degrees.)

The code imposes two limitations on limited licensed psychologists, which the bill also would apply to associate psychologists. Both limited license psychologists and associate psychologists 1) would have to be supervised by a psychologist with a license other than a limited license or an associate psychologist license; and 2) could not advertise or represent to the public that they were engaging in the practice of psychology except as allowed under the bill.

The code exempts from these limitations currently applying to limited license psychologists "duties performed as an employee of a governmental entity or of a nonprofit organization serving benevolent and charitable purposes." The bill would continue this exemption both for limited license psychologists and for associate psychologists.

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