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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 6.6. Psychologists [2900 - 2999.105] (*Chapter 6.6 repealed and added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.*)

ARTICLE 7. Revenue [2980 - 2989] (*Article 7 added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.*)

2980. There is in the State Treasury the Psychology Fund. The board shall report to the Controller at the beginning of each calendar month, for the month preceding, the amount and source of all revenue received by it, pursuant to this chapter, and shall pay the entire amount thereof to the Treasurer for deposit into that fund. All revenue received by the board from fees authorized to be charged relating to the practice of psychology shall be deposited into that fund as provided in this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 758, Sec. 42. Effective January 1, 1998.)

2981. The money in the Psychology Fund shall be used for the administration of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 74, Sec. 9. Effective July 19, 2005.)

2982. (a) All licenses expire and become invalid at 12 midnight on the last day of February, 1980, and thereafter shall expire at 12 midnight of the last date of the two-year period from the date the license was issued.

(b) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee, on or before the date on which it would otherwise expire, shall apply for renewal on a form provided by the board, accompanied by the prescribed renewal fee.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 336, Sec. 1. (AB 773) Effective January 1, 2016.)

2983. Every person to whom a license is issued shall, as a condition precedent to its issuance, and in addition to any application, examination or other fee, pay the prescribed initial license fee.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 658, Sec. 12. Effective January 1, 2006.)

2984. Except as provided in Section 2985, a license that has expired may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the license is renewed after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the prescribed delinquency fee, if any. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which all renewal fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the expiration date provided in Section 2982 which next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire and become invalid if it is not again renewed.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 435, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2002.)

2985. A suspended license is subject to expiration and shall be renewed as provided in this article, but such renewal does not entitle the licensee, while the license remains suspended, and until it is reinstated, to engage in the licensed activity, or in any other activity or conduct in violation of the order or judgment by which the license was suspended.

A license revoked on disciplinary grounds is subject to expiration as provided in this article, but it may not be renewed. If it is reinstated after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition to reinstatement, shall pay a reinstatement fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date before the date on which it is reinstated, plus the delinquency fee, if any, accrued at the time of its revocation.

(Added by Stats. 1967, Ch. 1677.)

2986. A person who fails to renew his or her license within the three years after its expiration may not renew it, and it may not be restored, reissued, or reinstated thereafter, but that person may apply for and obtain a new license if he or she meets the

requirements of this chapter provided that he or she:

- (a) Has not committed any acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure.
- (b) Establishes to the satisfaction of the board that with due regard for the public interest, he or she is qualified to practice psychology.
- (c) Pays all of the fees that would be required if application for licensure was being made for the first time.

The board may provide for the waiver or refund of all or any part of an examination fee in those cases in which a license is issued without examination pursuant to this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 26, Sec. 81. Effective March 30, 1994.)

2987. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be determined by the board, and shall be as follows:

- (a) The application fee for a psychologist shall be two hundred thirty-six dollars (\$236).
- (b) The examination and reexamination fees for the examinations shall be the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading of each examination, plus the actual cost to the board of administering each examination.
- (c) The application fee for the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE) shall be one hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$127).
- (d) The initial license fee for a psychologist shall be two hundred thirty-one dollars (\$231).
- (e) The biennial renewal fee for a psychologist shall be seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$795). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100).
- (f) The application fee for registration as a registered psychological associate under Section 2913 shall be four hundred twenty-four dollars (\$424).
- (g) The annual renewal fee for registration of a psychological associate shall be two hundred twenty-four dollars (\$224). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).
- (h) The duplicate license or registration fee is five dollars (\$5).
- (i) The delinquency fee is 50 percent of the renewal fee for each license type, not to exceed three hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$397.50).
- (j) The endorsement fee is five dollars (\$5).
- (k) The file transfer fee is ten dollars (\$10).
- (l) The registration fee for a psychological testing technician shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (m) The annual renewal fee for a psychological testing technician is seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (n) The fee for Fingerprint Hard Card Processing for Out of State Applicants shall be one hundred eighty-four dollars (\$184). Applicants shall also pay the actual cost to the board of processing the fingerprint hard card with the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (o) The fee for a psychological associate to add or change their supervisor shall be two hundred ten dollars (\$210). The fee shall be the actual cost to the board of processing the addition or change.
- (p) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board may reduce any fee prescribed by this section, when, in its discretion, the board deems it administratively appropriate.

(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 723, Sec. 2. (SB 816) Effective January 1, 2024.)

2987.2. (a) In addition to the fees charged pursuant to Section 2987 for the biennial renewal of a license, the board shall collect an additional fee of twenty dollars (\$20) at the time of renewal. The board shall transfer this amount to the Controller who shall deposit the funds in the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.

(b) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2018.

(Repealed (in Sec. 1) and added by Stats. 2017, Ch. 557, Sec. 2. (AB 1188) Effective October 7, 2017. Section operative July 1, 2018, by its own provisions.)

2987.5. Every person licensed under this chapter is exempt from the payment of the renewal fee in any one of the following instances:

While engaged in full-time active service in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines, or in the United States Public Health Service, or while a volunteer in the Peace Corps or Vista.

Every person exempted from the payment of the renewal fee by this section shall not engage in any private practice and shall become liable for the fee for the current renewal period upon the completion of his or her period of full-time active service and shall have a period of 60 days after becoming liable within which to pay the fee before the delinquency fee becomes applicable. Any person who completes his or her period of full-time active service within 60 days of the end of a renewal period is exempt from the payment of the renewal fee for that period.

The time spent in that full-time active service or full-time training and active service shall not be included in the computation of the three-year period for renewal of a license provided in Section 2986.

The exemption provided by this section shall not be applicable if the person engages in any practice for compensation other than full-time service in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines or in the United States Public Health Service or the Peace Corps or Vista.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 829, Sec. 71. Effective January 1, 1997.)

2988. A licensed psychologist who for reasons, including, but not limited to, retirement, ill health, or absence from the state, is not engaged in the practice of psychology, may apply to the board to request that their license be placed on an inactive status. A licensed psychologist who holds an inactive license shall pay a biennial renewal fee, fixed by the board, of two hundred twenty-one dollars (\$221). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400). A psychologist holding an inactive license shall be exempt from continuing education requirements specified in Section 2915, but shall otherwise be subject to this chapter and shall not engage in the practice of psychology in this state. Licensees on inactive status who have not committed any acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure and have completed the continuing education requirements specified in Section 2915 may, upon their request, have their license to practice psychology placed on active status.

(Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 723, Sec. 3. (SB 816) Effective January 1, 2024.)

2988.5. (a) The board may issue, upon an application prescribed by the board and payment of a fee not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75), a retired license to a psychologist who holds a current license issued by the board, or one capable of being renewed, and whose license is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted by the board or subject to discipline under this chapter.

(b) The holder of a retired license issued pursuant to this section shall not engage in any activity for which an active license is required. A psychologist holding a retired license shall be permitted to use the title "psychologist, retired" or "retired psychologist." The designation of retired shall not be abbreviated in any way.

(c) A retired license shall not be subject to renewal.

(d) The holder of a retired license may apply to obtain an active status license as follows:

(1) If that retired license was issued less than three years prior to the application date, the applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(A) Has not committed an act or crime constituting grounds for denial or discipline of a license.

(B) Pays the renewal fee required by this chapter.

(C) Completes the continuing professional development required for the renewal of a license within two years of the date of application for restoration.

(D) Complies with the fingerprint submission requirements established by the board.

(2) Where the applicant has held a retired license for three or more years, the applicant shall do all of the following:

(A) Submit a complete application for a new license.

(B) Take and pass the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination.

(C) Pay all fees required to obtain a new license.

(D) Comply with the fingerprint submission requirements established by the board.

(E) Be deemed to have met the educational and experience requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 2914.

(F) Establish that he or she has not been subject to denial or discipline of a license.

(Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 484, Sec. 11. (SB 1193) Effective January 1, 2017.)

2988.7. (a) The board may, in its discretion, accept the offer of a surrender of a license. The acceptance of the offer of a surrender shall be in writing.

(b) The license surrender shall be public information.

(c) The holder of the license that was surrendered pursuant to this section may petition the board for reinstatement after a period of not less than one year after the effective date of the acceptance.

(d) The reinstatement proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to Section 2965.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 647, Sec. 20. (SB 801) Effective January 1, 2022.)

2989. The fees in this article shall be fixed by the board and shall be set forth with the regulations which are duly adopted under this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 888, Sec. 44.)