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Act No. 84 (H.237). An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists

Subjects: Health; professional regulation; prescribing; doctoral-level psychologist

This act enables a psychologist to apply to the Board of Psychological Examiners for a prescribing psychologist specialty when the individual holds a current license to practice psychology at the doctoral level in the State; has completed a postdoctoral training program in psychopharmacology; has completed clinical rotations in at least five practice settings; has completed a certifying exam; and has met any other requirements established in rule. This act requires a prescribing psychologist, prior to prescribing medication, to enter into a collaborating agreement with a physician licensed to practice medicine in Vermont with a specialty in psychiatry, who shall serve as a collaborating practitioner. It further requires that the issuance of prescriptive authority by a collaborating practitioner to a prescribing psychologist only include prescription drugs for the treatment of mental health conditions that the collaborating practitioner generally provides to patients in the normal course of practice. The act requires the Office of Professional Regulation to submit a report to the General Assembly in November 2032 addressing the practice of prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2026