



March 10, 2015

The Honorable Susan Talamantes–Eggman
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 705 (Eggman) – PSYCHOLOGISTS: LICENSURE EXEMPTION
SPONSOR & SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Talamantes-Eggman:

The California Board of Psychology (Board) is sponsoring and **SUPPORTS AB 705**, which addresses whether an employee in an exempt setting must be working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist in order to accumulate hours towards licensure.

This bill will enhance consumer protection of particularly vulnerable populations by ensuring that employees in exempt settings are properly supervised and working towards licensure. This will be done by requiring employees to be supervised by licensed psychologists, to be earning supervised professional experience hours, and to be working towards licensure within a given timeframe of five (5) years;

- Specific language reflecting the original intent of the law – **to eventually require employees in exempt settings to become licensed** will ensure that employees must be gaining supervised professional experience for licensure.
- The length of time an employee is exempt will be limited to is 5 (five) years. This timeframe is consistent with the exemption period specified in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5751.2 (d). This allows ample time for employees to complete supervised professional experience and pass the necessary exams.

The Board's mission is to advance quality psychological services for Californians by ensuring ethical and legal practice and supporting the evolution of the profession.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Officer, Antonette Sorrick, at (916) 574-7113. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Erickson".

MICHAEL ERICKSON, PH.D.
President, Board of Psychology