

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the licensure of behavior analysts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>6/9/2014</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John W. Scibak relative to the licensure of behavior analysts. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to the licensure of behavior analysts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 165 of Chapter 112, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
3 paragraph:-

4 The board may issue a license to an applicant as an applied behavior analyst; provided,
5 however, that each applicant, in addition to complying with clauses (1) and (2) of the first
6 paragraph shall provide satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant:

7 (1) has successfully completed a doctoral degree program from a recognized educational
8 institution in which the doctoral program included a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in
9 courses related to the study of behavior analysis or a master's degree program from a recognized
10 educational institution wherein the master's program included a minimum of 30 graduate credit
11 hours in courses related to the study of behavior analysis, or for individuals with a masters or
12 doctoral degree in another field of human services, successful completion of a board-approved
13 certificate program in behavior analysis from a recognized educational institution combined with
14 the successful completion of an approved course sequence formally approved by the board;

15 (2) has successfully completed a practicum or supervised experience in the practice of
16 behavior analysis that meets the standards established by the board; and

17 (3) has successfully passed a board-approved examination related to the principles and
18 independent practice of applied behavior analysis.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2012 is hereby amended by striking out Section
20 10 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

21 SECTION 10. Notwithstanding section 165 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, an
22 applicant who applies to be licensed as an applied behavior analyst within 24 months after the
23 promulgation of rules and regulations under section 12 may be granted status as a licensed
24 applied behavior analyst, subject to the approval of the board of registration of allied mental
25 health and human services professions, if: (i) the applicant is a board-certified behavior analyst
26 certificant of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board; (ii) the applicant has graduated with a
27 doctoral degree from a recognized educational institution and the doctoral program included a
28 minimum of 60 graduate credit hours in courses related to the study of applied behavior analysis;
29 (iii) the applicant has graduated with a master's degree from a recognized educational institution
30 and the master's program included a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours in courses related to
31 the study of behavior analysis or (iv) the applicant has graduated with a masters or doctoral
32 degree in another field of human services and has successfully completed a certificate program in
33 behavior analysis from a recognized educational institution, and can demonstrate that the
34 applicant has practiced as an applied behavior analyst full-time or equivalent part-time for a
35 minimum of 5 years. An applicant who is granted a license under this section may renew the
36 license biennially if the applicant completes and, when requested, provides evidence to the board
37 of such completion of the prescribed minimum number of hours of continuing education.

38 SECTION 3. Section 11 of Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2012 is hereby amended by
39 striking out the word “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- “24”.