

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

BILL NUMBER: H462

TITLE: An Act establishing senior psychologist licensure

SPONSOR(S): Sabadosa, Lindsay

HEARING DATE: June 2, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: August 1, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY

(2023-2024): H248 – Committee discharged to the committee on Public Health; Reported favorably by committee on Public Health and referred to the committee on Health Care Financing; Accompanied a study order, see H5015.

CURRENT LAW

Section 119 of Chapter 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws establishes the requirements for licensure for psychologists in the Commonwealth within the oversight of the Board of Registration of Psychologists.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to establish a senior psychologist licensure category by the Board by July 1, 2026 for psychologists with doctoral degrees who have been licensed and practicing in other states for an extended period whose original training and education records are unavailable. The Board will define specific requirements for this licensure, including doctoral degree origin, years of licensure and practice, and disciplinary history. Requirements comparable to other applicants, like a state jurisprudence exam, may be included but must not create an undue burden.