

**Committee on Public Health
Bill Summary**

Bill No.	H462
Title:	<i>An Act establishing senior psychologist licensure</i>
Sponsor:	Representative Lindsay N. Sabadosa
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	September 29, 2025
Reporting Deadline:	November 28, 2025
Similar Matters:	S255 (Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure)
Prior History:	Refile of H248 of 2023-2024; Referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; Discharged to Public Health; Accompanied by S186; Reported favorably by Committee and referred to the Committee on Health Care Financing; Study.

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. Chapter 112 Section 119** pertains to the licensing of psychologists.

Summary:

This bill amends section 119 of M.G.L. Chapter 112 to require that the board of registration of psychologists (“the board”) establish the licensure category of senior psychologist in order to facilitate the licensure of psychologists who have practiced for an extended period of time in another state but whose paper records of training and education are no longer available.

The amendments to section 119 of M.G.L. Chapter 112 would:

- Require the board to establish the category of senior psychologist by no later than January 1, 2025
- Require the board to determine requirements for licensure as a senior psychologist
 - These requirements shall specify:
 - The regionally accredited institution granting the applicant their doctoral degree in psychology
 - The number of years an applicant has been licensed by one or more state/provincial psychology boards that are members of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
 - The number of years an applicant has practiced psychology before applying

- The number of years prior to applying in which an applicant has been free from disciplinary sanctions
- The board may additionally include requirements for senior psychologists that are comparable to those required of other applicants (such as requiring a state jurisprudence exam), so long as they do not provide an unreasonable/undue burden on the applicant