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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to occupations and professions; changing psychologists' scope of
1.3 practice; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.89, subdivision 5.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 148.89, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Practice of psychology.** "Practice of psychology" means the observation,
1.7 description, evaluation, interpretation, or modification of human behavior by the
1.8 application of psychological principles, methods, or procedures for any reason, including
1.9 to prevent, eliminate, or manage symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior and to
1.10 enhance interpersonal relationships, work, life and developmental adjustment, personal
1.11 and organizational effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health. The practice of
1.12 psychology includes, but is not limited to, the following services, regardless of whether
1.13 the provider receives payment for the services:

1.14 (1) psychological research and teaching of psychology;

1.15 (2) assessment, including psychological testing and other means of evaluating
1.16 personal characteristics such as intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and
1.17 neuropsychological functioning;

1.18 (3) a psychological report, whether written or oral, including testimony of a provider
1.19 as an expert witness, concerning the characteristics of an individual or entity;

1.20 (4) psychotherapy, including but not limited to, categories such as behavioral,
1.21 cognitive, emotive, systems, psychophysiological, or insight-oriented therapies;
1.22 counseling; hypnosis; and diagnosis and treatment of:

1.23 (i) mental and emotional disorder or disability;

1.24 (ii) alcohol and substance dependence or abuse;

- 2.1 (iii) disorders of habit or conduct;
- 2.2 (iv) the psychological aspects of physical illness or condition, accident, injury, or
- 2.3 disability;
- 2.4 (v) life adjustment issues, including work-related and bereavement issues; and
- 2.5 (vi) child, family, or relationship issues;
- 2.6 (5) psychoeducational services and treatment; ~~and~~
- 2.7 (6) consultation and supervision; and
- 2.8 (7) if competent to do so, licensed psychologists may discuss prescription or
- 2.9 nonprescription medications and their effects with a client, the client's physician or other
- 2.10 prescribing health care providers, or in a report. A licensed psychologist may discuss with
- 2.11 a client, or in a report, specific medications by trade or generic name or dosage, and
- 2.12 discuss the discontinuation of medications.