

By: Representative Ford

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 519

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-31-3, 73-31-5 AND 73-31-7,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF
3 PSYCHOLOGY AND PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, TO EXTEND THE DATE
4 OF REPEAL FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; TO AMEND SECTIONS
5 73-31-9, 73-31-13, 73-31-21, 73-31-23 AND 73-31-27, MISSISSIPPI
6 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND FEES AND
7 THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS ACT, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL
8 FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. Section 73-31-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 73-31-3. When used in this chapter, the word or term:

13 (a) "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of
14 Psychology.

15 (b) "Institution of higher education" means any
16 regionally accredited institution of higher education in the
17 United States, accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
18 U.S. Department of Education, including a professional school,
19 that offers a full-time doctoral course of study in psychology
20 that is acceptable to the board; for Canadian universities, such
21 term means an institution of higher education is authorized by
22 Provincial statute or Royal Charter to grant doctoral degrees.

23 (c) "Person" includes an individual, firm, partnership,
24 association or corporation.

25 (d) "Practice of psychology" means the description,
26 interpretation and modification of human behavior through the
27 application of psychological principles and procedures. The
28 practice of psychology includes, but is not limited to, the
29 assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence,
30 personality, ability, and other cognitive, behavioral and

31 neuropsychological functioning, and efforts to change or improve
32 symptomatic, maladaptive behavior or mental health through
33 psychotherapy procedures including psychoanalysis, behavior
34 therapy, biofeedback and hypnosis. Psychologists diagnose and
35 treat mental and emotional disorders, disorders of habit and
36 conduct, and disorders associated with physical illness or injury.
37 Psychological services are provided to individuals, families,
38 groups and the public. The practice of psychology shall be
39 construed within the meaning of this definition without regard to
40 whether payment is received for services rendered.

41 (e) "Psychologist" is a person who represents himself
42 or herself to be a psychologist by using any title or description
43 of services incorporating the words "psychological,"
44 "psychologist," "psychology," or who represents that he or she
45 possesses expert qualification in any area of psychology, or
46 offers to the public, or renders to individuals or to groups of
47 individuals services defined as the practice of psychology by this
48 chapter.

49 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
50 2002.

51 SECTION 2. Section 73-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
52 amended as follows:

53 73-31-5. (1) There is hereby created a Mississippi State
54 Board of Psychology consisting of seven (7) members who are
55 citizens of the United States and residing in the State of
56 Mississippi. One (1) member of the board shall be a person who is
57 not a psychologist or a mental health professional but who has
58 expressed a continuing interest in the field of psychology. Each
59 board member shall otherwise be licensed under this chapter. At
60 all times the board shall be composed of three (3) members who are
61 faculty at institutions of higher learning that grant doctoral
62 degrees, or staff or faculty of an American Psychological
63 Association approved doctoral level internship. Three (3) members



64 of the board shall be engaged in the professional practice of
65 psychology. The membership of the board shall reflect a diversity
66 of practice specialties.

67 (2) When the term of each psychologist member ends the
68 Governor shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint as his successor,
69 for a term of five (5) years, a psychologist who holds a doctoral
70 degree from an institution of higher education and who has been
71 licensed under this chapter. When the term of the member who is
72 not a psychologist ends, the Governor shall, within thirty (30)
73 days, appoint a qualified person as his successor for a term of
74 five (5) years. No board member shall serve for consecutive
75 terms. Any vacancy occurring in the board membership other than
76 by expiration of term shall be filled by the Governor by
77 appointment for the unexpired term of such member. All
78 appointments of psychologist members of the board shall be made
79 from a list containing the names of at least three (3) eligible
80 nominees for each vacancy submitted by the Mississippi
81 Psychological Association. Each board member shall receive a
82 certificate of appointment from the Governor before entering on
83 the discharge of his duties, and within thirty (30) days from the
84 effective date of his appointment shall subscribe an oath for the
85 faithful performance of his official duty before any officer
86 authorized to administer oaths in this state, and shall file the
87 same with the Secretary of State. To enable the board to have
88 regular, planned changes in membership the following one-time
89 changes in length of terms of board members is enacted:

90 (a) One (1) of the two (2) practice members appointed
91 in 1998 will serve a three-year term.

92 (b) The practice member appointed in 2002 will serve a
93 three-year term.

94 (c) One of the two (2) academic members appointed in
95 2002 will serve a four-year term.



96 (3) The Governor may remove any board member for misconduct,
97 incompetency, or neglect of duty after giving the board member a
98 written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be heard
99 thereon.

100 (4) Each board member shall serve without compensation, but
101 shall receive actual traveling and incidental expenses necessarily
102 incurred while engaged in the discharge of official duties.

103 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
104 2002.

105 SECTION 3. Section 73-31-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
106 amended as follows:

107 73-31-7. (1) The board shall annually elect from its
108 membership a chairman and executive secretary at a meeting held
109 during the last two (2) quarters of the fiscal year. The board
110 shall meet at such other times as it deems necessary or advisable,
111 or as deemed necessary and advisable by the chairman or a majority
112 of its members or the Governor. Reasonable notice of all meetings
113 shall be given in the manner prescribed by the board. A majority
114 of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting or hearing;
115 except that when only four (4) members are present, decisions not
116 gaining unanimous support shall be decided by mail ballot to all
117 board members within fifteen (15) days succeeding the board
118 meeting. Any meeting at which the chairman is not present shall
119 be chaired by his designee.

120 (2) The board is authorized and empowered to:

121 (a) Adopt and, from time to time, revise such rules and
122 regulations not inconsistent with, and as may be necessary to
123 carry into effect the provisions of this chapter.

124 (b) Within the funds available, employ and/or contract
125 with a stenographer and other personnel, and contract for
126 services, as are necessary for the proper performance of its work
127 under this chapter.



128 (c) Adopt a seal, and the executive secretary shall
129 have the care and custody thereof.

130 (d) Examine, license, and renew the license of duly
131 qualified applicants.

132 (e) Conduct hearings upon complaints concerning the
133 disciplining or licensing of applicants and psychologists.

134 (f) Deny, approve, withhold, revoke, suspend and/or
135 otherwise discipline applicants and licensed psychologists.

136 (g) Cause the prosecution and enjoinder of all persons
137 violating this chapter, and incur necessary expenses therefor.

138 (h) Charge a fee of not more than Two Hundred Fifty
139 Dollars (\$250.00) to a qualified psychologist as determined by the
140 board who is applying for certification by the board to conduct
141 examinations in civil commitment proceedings.

142 (i) Purchase general liability insurance coverage,
143 including errors and omissions insurance, to cover the official
144 actions of the board members and suits against them in their
145 individual capacity. Such coverage shall be in an amount
146 determined by the board to be adequate, and the costs of such
147 insurance shall be paid out of any funds available to the board.

148 (j) Enter into agreements of reciprocity with other
149 states, jurisdictions and organizations.

150 (3) Within thirty (30) days after the close of each fiscal
151 year ending June 30, the board shall submit an official report,
152 reviewed and signed by all board members, to the Governor
153 concerning the work of the board during the preceding fiscal year.
154 The report shall include the names of all psychologists to whom
155 licenses have been granted; any cases heard and decisions rendered
156 in relation to the work of the board; the names, remuneration and
157 duties of any employees of the board; and an account of all monies
158 received and expended by the board.

159 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
160 2002.



161 SECTION 4. Section 73-31-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
162 amended as follows:

163 73-31-9. (1) All fees from applicants seeking licensing
164 under this chapter and all license renewal fees received under
165 this chapter shall be nonrefundable.

166 (2) The board shall charge an application fee to be
167 determined by the board but not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars
168 (\$300.00) to applicants for licensing, and shall charge the
169 applicant for the expenses incurred by the board for examination
170 of the applicant.

171 (3) Every licensed psychologist in this state shall annually
172 pay to the board a fee determined by the board but not to exceed
173 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and the executive secretary shall
174 thereupon issue a renewal of the license for a term of one (1)
175 year. The license of any psychologist who shall fail to renew
176 during the month of July in each and every year shall lapse; the
177 failure to renew the license, however, shall not deprive said
178 psychologist of the right of renewal thereafter. Such lapsed
179 license may be renewed within a period of two (2) years after such
180 lapse upon payment of all fees in arrears. A psychologist wishing
181 to renew a license which has been lapsed for more than two (2)
182 years shall be required to reapply for licensure.

183 (4) On July 1, 1993, and every odd numbered year thereafter,
184 no psychologist license shall be renewed unless the psychologist
185 shows evidence of a minimum of twenty (20) clock hours of
186 continuing education activities approved by the board.

187 (5) All fees and any other monies received by the board
188 shall be deposited in a special fund that is created in the State
189 Treasury and shall be used for the implementation and
190 administration of this chapter when appropriated by the
191 Legislature for such purpose. The monies in the special fund
192 shall be subject to all provisions of the state budget laws that
193 are applicable to special fund agencies, and disbursements from



194 the special fund shall be made by the State Treasurer only upon
195 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer upon requisitions
196 signed by the chairman or executive secretary of the board. Any
197 interest earned on this special fund shall be credited by the
198 State Treasurer to the fund and shall not be paid into the State
199 General Fund. Any unexpended monies remaining in the special fund
200 at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General
201 Fund. The State Auditor shall audit the financial affairs of the
202 board and the transactions involving the special fund at least
203 once a year in the same manner as for other special fund agencies.

204 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
205 2002.

206 SECTION 5. Section 73-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
207 amended as follows:

208 73-31-13. The board shall issue a license as a psychologist
209 to each applicant who shall file an application upon a form and in
210 such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by such fee as is
211 required by this chapter; and who furnishes evidence satisfactory
212 to the board that he:

213 (a) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
214 (b) Is a citizen of the United States, a Canadian
215 citizen applying for licensure under the terms of a reciprocity
216 agreement, or has declared his intention to become a citizen. A
217 statement by the applicant under oath that he is a citizen, a
218 Canadian citizen applying for licensure under the terms of a
219 reciprocity agreement, or that he intends to apply for citizenship
220 when he becomes eligible to make such application, shall be
221 sufficient proof of compliance with this requirement; and

222 (c) Is of good moral character; and
223 (d) Is not in violation of any of the provisions of
224 this chapter and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder; and
225 (e) Holds a doctoral degree in psychology from an
226 institution of higher education that is: regionally accredited by



227 an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of
228 Education, or authorized by Provincial statute or Royal Charter to
229 grant doctoral degrees: and from a program accredited by the
230 American Psychological Association, or the Canadian Psychological
231 Association. For graduates from newly established programs
232 seeking accreditation or in areas where no accreditation exists,
233 applicants for licensure shall have completed a doctoral program
234 in psychology that meets recognized acceptable professional
235 standards as determined by the board. For applicants graduating
236 from doctoral level psychology training programs outside of the
237 United States of America or Canada, applicants for licensure shall
238 have completed a doctoral program in psychology that meets
239 recognized acceptable professional standards as determined by the
240 board; and

241 (f) Has two (2) years of supervised experience in the
242 same area of emphasis as the academic degree, which includes an
243 internship and one (1) year of supervised post-doctoral
244 experience, that meet the standards of training as defined by the
245 board. Each year (or equivalent) shall be comprised of at least
246 two thousand (2,000) hours of actual work, to include direct
247 service, training and supervisory time. A predoctoral internship
248 may be counted as one (1) of the two (2) years of experience; and

249 (g) Demonstrates professional knowledge by passing a
250 written and oral examination in psychology prescribed by the
251 board; except that upon examination of credentials the board may,
252 by unanimous consent, consider these credentials adequate evidence
253 of professional knowledge.

254 Upon investigation of the application and other evidence
255 submitted, the board shall, not less than thirty (30) days prior
256 to the examination, notify each applicant that the application and
257 evidence submitted is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory
258 and rejected; if rejected, said notice shall state the reasons for
259 such rejection.



260 The place of examination shall be designated in advance by
261 the board, and such examination shall be given at such time and
262 place and under such supervision as the board may determine. The
263 examination used by the board shall consist of written tests and
264 oral tests, and shall fairly test the applicant's knowledge and
265 application thereof in those areas deemed relevant by the board.
266 These shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
267 history of psychology, statistical methods, experimental design,
268 personality theory and psychology of learning. In addition, the
269 applicant shall be required to demonstrate his knowledge and
270 application thereof in those areas deemed relevant to his
271 specialty and/or those services he intends to offer to the public.

272 The board shall evaluate the results from both the written
273 and oral examinations. The passing scores for the written and
274 oral examinations shall be established by the board in its rules
275 and regulations and in no event shall be a score of less than
276 seventy percent (70%) correct. In the event an applicant fails to
277 receive a passing score on the entire examination, he may reapply
278 and shall be allowed to take a subsequent examination. An
279 applicant who has failed two (2) successive examinations by the
280 board may not reapply until after two (2) years from the date of
281 the last examination failed. The board shall keep the written
282 examination scores, and an accurate transcript of the questions
283 and answers relating to the oral examinations, and the grade
284 assigned to each answer thereof, as part of its records for at
285 least two (2) years subsequent to the date of examination.

286 If any psychologist duly licensed under this chapter shall,
287 by virtue of additional training and experience, become qualified
288 to practice in a specialty other than that for which he was deemed
289 competent at the time of initial licensing, and wishes to offer
290 such service under the provisions of this chapter, he shall at the
291 time of annual renewal of licenses submit additional credentials
292 and be given the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge and



293 application thereof in areas deemed relevant to his specialty.
294 This procedure shall be considered a necessary part of the renewal
295 process, and no charge in addition to the renewal fee shall be
296 levied.

297 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
298 2002.

299 Each application or filing made under this section shall
300 include the Social Security number(s) of the applicant in
301 accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

302 SECTION 6. Section 73-31-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
303 amended as follows:

304 73-31-21. (1) The board, by an affirmative vote of at least
305 four (4) of its seven (7) members, shall withhold, deny, revoke or
306 suspend any license issued or applied for in accordance with the
307 provisions of this chapter, or otherwise discipline a licensed
308 psychologist, upon proof that the applicant or licensed
309 psychologist:

310 (a) Has violated the current code of ethics of the
311 American Psychological Association or other codes of ethical
312 standards adopted by the board; or

313 (b) Has been convicted of a felony or any offense
314 involving moral turpitude, the record of conviction being
315 conclusive evidence thereof; or

316 (c) Is using any narcotic or any alcoholic beverage to
317 an extent or in a manner dangerous to any other person or the
318 public, or to an extent that such use impairs his ability to
319 perform the work of a professional psychologist with safety to the
320 public; or

321 (d) Has impersonated another person holding a
322 psychologist license or allowed another person to use his license;
323 or



324 (e) Has used fraud or deception in applying for a
325 license or in taking an examination provided for in this chapter;
326 or

327 (f) Has accepted commissions or rebates or other forms
328 of remuneration for referring clients to other professional
329 persons; or

330 (g) Has allowed his name or license issued under this
331 chapter to be used in connection with any person or persons who
332 perform psychological services outside of the area of their
333 training, experience or competence; or

334 (h) Is legally adjudicated mentally incompetent, the
335 record of such adjudication being conclusive evidence thereof; or

336 (i) Has willfully or negligently violated any of the
337 provisions of this chapter. The board may recover from any person
338 disciplined under this chapter, the costs of investigation,
339 prosecution, and adjudication of the disciplinary action.

340 (2) Notice shall be effected by registered mail or personal
341 service setting forth the particular reasons for the proposed
342 action and fixing a date not less than thirty (30) days nor more
343 than sixty (60) days from the date of such mailing or such
344 service, at which time the applicant or licentiate shall be given
345 an opportunity for a prompt and fair hearing. For the purpose of
346 such hearing the board, acting by and through its executive
347 secretary, may subpoena persons and papers on its own behalf and
348 on behalf of the applicant or licentiate, may administer oaths and
349 may take testimony. Such testimony, when properly transcribed,
350 together with such papers and exhibits, shall be admissible in
351 evidence for or against the applicant or licentiate. At such
352 hearing applicant or licentiate may appear by counsel and
353 personally in his own behalf. Any person sworn and examined by a
354 witness in such hearing shall not be held to answer criminally,
355 nor shall any papers or documents produced by such witness be
356 competent evidence in any criminal proceedings against such



357 witness other than for perjury in delivering his evidence. On the
358 basis of any such hearing, or upon default of applicant or
359 licentiate, the board shall make a determination specifying its
360 findings of fact and conclusions of law. A copy of such
361 determination shall be sent by registered mail or served
362 personally upon the applicant or licentiate. The decision of the
363 board denying, revoking or suspending the license shall become
364 final thirty (30) days after so mailed or served unless within
365 said period the licentiate appeals the decision to the chancery
366 court, pursuant to the provisions hereof, and the proceedings in
367 chancery shall be conducted as other matters coming before the
368 court. All proceedings and evidence, together with exhibits,
369 presented at such hearing before the board in the event of appeal
370 shall be admissible in evidence in said court.

371 (3) The board may subpoena persons and papers on its own
372 behalf and on behalf of the respondent, may administer oaths and
373 may compel the testimony of witnesses. It may issue commissions
374 to take testimony, and testimony so taken and sworn to shall be
375 admissible in evidence for and against the respondent. The board
376 shall be entitled to the assistance of the chancery court or the
377 chancellor in vacation, which, on petition by the board, shall
378 issue ancillary subpoenas and petitions and may punish as for
379 contempt of court in the event of noncompliance therewith.

380 (4) Every order and judgment of the board shall take effect
381 immediately on its promulgation unless the board in such order or
382 judgment fixes a probationary period for applicant or licentiate.
383 Such order and judgment shall continue in effect unless upon
384 appeal the court by proper order or decree terminates it earlier.
385 The board may make public its order and judgments in such manner
386 and form as it deems proper. It shall, in event of the suspension
387 or revocation of a license, direct the clerk of the circuit court
388 of the county in which that license was recorded to cancel such
389 record.



390 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting
391 or revoking the authority of any court or of any licensing or
392 registering officer or board, other than the State Board of
393 Psychological Examiners, to suspend, revoke and reinstate licenses
394 and to cancel registrations under the provisions of Section
395 41-29-311.

396 (6) Suspension by the board of the license of a psychologist
397 shall be for a period not exceeding one (1) year. At the end of
398 this period the board shall reevaluate the suspension, and shall
399 either reinstate or revoke the license. A person whose license
400 has been revoked under the provisions of this section may reapply
401 for license after more than two (2) years have elapsed from the
402 date such denial or revocation is legally effective.

403 (7) In addition to the reasons specified in subsection (1)
404 of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the
405 license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order
406 for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for
407 suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order
408 for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement
409 of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any
410 fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended
411 for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157. Actions
412 taken by the board in suspending a license when required by
413 Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an
414 appeal may be taken under this section. Any appeal of a license
415 suspension that is required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163
416 shall be taken in accordance with the appeal procedure specified
417 in Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than
418 the procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict
419 between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any
420 provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or
421 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.



422 (8) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
423 2002.

424 SECTION 7. Section 73-31-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
425 amended as follows:

426 73-31-23. (1) It shall be a misdemeanor:

427 (a) For any person not licensed under this chapter to
428 represent himself as a psychologist or practice psychology in the
429 manner prescribed in Section 73-31-3 of this chapter; or

430 (b) For any person to represent himself as a
431 psychologist or practice psychology in the manner prescribed in
432 Section 73-31-3 of this chapter during the time that his license
433 as a psychologist shall be suspended or revoked or lapsed; or

434 (c) For any person to otherwise violate the provisions
435 of this chapter.

436 Such misdemeanor shall be punishable, upon conviction, by
437 imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days or by a fine of not
438 more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), or by both such fine
439 and imprisonment. Each violation shall be deemed a separate
440 offense. Such misdemeanor shall be prosecuted by the district
441 attorney of the judicial district in which the offense was
442 committed in the name of the people of the State of Mississippi.

443 (2) Any entity, organization or person, including the board,
444 any member of the board, and its agents or employees, acting in
445 good faith and without malice, who makes any report or information
446 available to the board regarding violation of any of the
447 provisions of this chapter, or who assists in the organization,
448 investigation or preparation of any such report or information or
449 assists the board in carrying out any of its duties or functions
450 provided by law, shall be immune from civil or criminal liability
451 for such acts.

452 The immunity granted pursuant to the provisions of this
453 subsection shall not apply to and shall not be available to any
454 psychologist who is the subject of any report or information



455 relating to a violation by such psychologist of the provisions of
456 this chapter.

457 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
458 2002.

459 SECTION 8. Section 73-31-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
460 amended as follows:

461 73-31-27. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
462 limit:

463 (a) The activities, services, and use of an official
464 title on the part of a person in the employ of a federal, state,
465 county or municipal agency, or of other political subdivisions, or
466 any educational institution chartered by the state, insofar as
467 such activities, services and use of an official title are a part
468 of the duties of his office or position with such agency or
469 institution; or

470 (b) The activities, services and use of an official
471 title on the part of a person in the employ of an exempt
472 organization (in any state) who may be employed by another exempt
473 organization for a consulting fee; or

474 (c) The activities and services of a student, intern or
475 trainee in psychology pursuing a course of study in psychology at
476 an institution of higher education, if these activities and
477 services constitute a part of his supervised course of study; or

478 (d) The services and activities of members of other
479 professional groups licensed or certified by the State of
480 Mississippi who perform work of a psychological nature consistent
481 with their training, work experience history, and with any code of
482 ethics of their respective professions, provided they do not hold
483 themselves out to be psychologists. The practice of psychology as
484 defined by this act overlaps with the activities of other
485 professional groups and it is not the intent of this act to
486 regulate the activities of these professional groups.



487 (2) Individuals certified by the Mississippi State
488 Department of Education may use appropriate titles such as "school
489 psychologist," "certified school psychologist," "educational
490 psychologist" or "psychometrist" when practicing in school,
491 educational or related settings.

492 (3) Lecturers from any school or college may utilize their
493 academic or research title when invited to present lectures to
494 institutions or organizations.

495 (4) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as permitting
496 psychologists licensed under this chapter to administer or
497 prescribe drugs, or in any manner engage in the practice of
498 medicine as defined by the laws of this state, nor shall anything
499 in this chapter be construed as prohibiting psychiatrists from
500 engaging in the practice of psychiatry.

501 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
502 2002.

503 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from
504 and after July 1, 2001.

