

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 142  
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Public Health  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The difference between the responsibilities of a psychologist and those of a psychological associate are not clearly addressed in statute. H.B. 142 seeks to address this issue by prohibiting a psychological associate from engaging in the practice of psychology unless under the supervision of a psychologist.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 142 amends the Occupations Code to prohibit a psychological associate from engaging in the practice of psychology unless the psychological associate practices under the supervision of a psychologist. The bill makes a conforming change.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2011.