



ATAM – The Autism Treatment Association of Minnesota

MINNESOTA’S BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BILL - KEY POINTS

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Why is this law needed?

While many people have been helped by Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), some have been harmed by poor quality practices.

ABA is a science that has dramatically improved its practices over the past 60 years, yet some may still be following antiquated practices.

The state of Minnesota does not have a license for ABA that consumers can use to tell whether their provider delivers ABA safely using modern practices.

The state of Minnesota already pays for the services of behavior analysts.

Goals for this bill

Enable the state of Minnesota to enforce the safe use of effective ABA practices.

Create a licensing board where consumers can learn who is a licensed behavior analyst.

Establish standards for the practice of ABA in Minnesota.

Ensure that more Minnesotans will have access to safe, effective ABA services by growing the field of safe practitioners.

Ensure that practitioners who are appropriately licensed in other states can practice in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Board of Psychology will License Behavior Analysts

Professionals who are master’s-level Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and bachelor’s-level Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) by the nationally accredited Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).

Licensed Psychologists who meet the Board of Psychology’s criteria for practicing ABA.

The Minnesota Board of Psychology will establish an advisory council of consumers and professionals to oversee ABA in Minnesota.

Who supports this bill?

The Minnesota Board of Psychology supports this bill.

The Minnesota Psychological Association (MPA) supports this bill.

The Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) supports this bill.

The Autism Treatment Association of Minnesota (ATAM) supports this bill.

The Minnesota Northland Association of Behavior Analysis supports this bill.

The American Medical Association identifies BCBAs as the primary providers of Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment Services.

The American Academy of Pediatrics identifies BCBAs as the typical providers of ABA for children.

33 other states already license behavior analysts.