

Licensure of Biofeedback in the US



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My good friend Monty Renov has pointed out an error I made to me. I thought that New York State had past the Biofeedback State License Board. It says it is held for consideration and I thought it was held passed. I was wrong; it is still waiting to be passed. It could be passed any day. Other states are considering such a board in an ever increasing world of regulation to appease fear.

So presently biofeedback is not regulated in America. This means Non Regulation, but still do not think you can practice medicine. In America only a State agency can give a license. Under British Law a University can do so. So it is undeniably possible for you to get an International License in Biofeedback from IMUNE and fully well use it. The rumors and fear about this was gossip from competitors. An International license from IMUNE is worth getting and it can be a definite help in getting you grandfathered when your State regulates Biofeedback. Open the door to good education.



Handy pocket carrying card or deluxe wall certificate

Get Licensed from IMUNE and mostly guarantee grandfathering, and then this opens the door to getting Insurance Payment and building your practice.

<http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/A3012-2011>

Bill A3012-2011

Provides for the licensing and regulation of the practice of biofeedback therapy; defines practice of biofeedback therapy;

establishes state board of biofeedback therapy and the requirements to qualify for a license as a biofeedback therapist.

New York now is the only state to have a state license biofeedback board legislation waiting for full approval.

The State of New York is making a BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY PRACTICES ACT ARTICLE 139-A here are excerpts, Special interest words in RED

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THE STATE OF NEW YORK ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the practice of biofeedback therapy

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

DEFINITION OF PRACTICE OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY.

THE PRACTICE OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY IS THE USE OF SENSITIVE INSTRUMENTS TO MEASURE BODILY PROCESSES WITH THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING RESULTS TO THE PERSON BEING MEASURED TO ASSIST SUCH PERSON IN CONTROLLING THESE PROCESSES. THIS CAN BE A WAY TO LEARN STRESS MANAGEMENT AND RELAXATION TO PREVENT STRESS RELATED DISORDERS, OR TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE SYMPTOMS OF MANY SYNDROMES. IN ADDITION TO TEACHING SELF-REGULATION BY THE USE OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS, OTHER METHODS PROMOTING HEALTH AND COPING SKILLS TAUGHT BY THE BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, LIFE STYLE BEHAVIORIAL MEDICINE, DIAPHRAGMATIC BREATHING, PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION, STRESS REDUCTION, AUTOGENIC TRAINING, IMAGERY, PSYCHO PHYSIOLOGICAL THERAPY AND COGNITIVE RESTRUCTURING.

S 6921. AUTHORIZED PRACTICE. ONLY A PERSON LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO PRACTICE BIOFEEDBACK SHALL USE THE TITLE "BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST".

S 6922. STATE BOARD OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY. 1. THE STATE BOARD OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS ON MATTERS OF LICENSING AND CONDUCT. THE STATE BOARD OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SEVEN MEMBERS. INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY SHALL BE SUCH THAT THE TERMS SHALL BE STAGGERED. NO MEMBER SHALL SERVE MORE THAN TWO TERMS.
2. SIX MEMBERS SO APPOINTED SHALL BE PERSONS LICENSED OR EXEMPT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, AND ONE MEMBER SO APPOINTED SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED IN THIS STATE AS A PHYSICIAN WHO IS PRACTICING.

S 6923. REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE. 1. TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE AS A BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST AN APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- A. APPLICATION: FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.
- B. EDUCATION: HAVE AT LEAST A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN A HEALTH CARE RELATED FIELD SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS, **PLUS AT LEAST FIFTY HOURS OF DIDACTIC BIOFEEDBACK EDUCATION.**
- C. TRAINING AND SUPERVISION: HAVE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED HOURS OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON WHO, BECAUSE OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE OR IS LICENSED AS A BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST.
- D. EXAMINATION: PASS A WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL EXAMINATION SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
- E. AGE: BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.
- F. CHARACTER: BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS.
- G. FEES: **PAY A FEE OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE, AND AN ANNUAL FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS THERE AFTER.**

2. **AN APPLICANT WHO HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, OTHER THAN EDUCATION, MAY BE LICENSED AS A BIOFEEDBACK TECHNICIAN UPON OBTAINING AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN A HEALTH CARE RELATED FIELD SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS. SUCH TECHNICIAN WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRACTICE UNDER**

THE DIRECTION OF A LICENSED BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST.

S 6924. LIMITED PERMITS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIMITED PERMIT TO AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. THE FEE FOR EACH LIMITED PERMIT AND EACH RENEWAL SHALL BE SEVENTY DOLLARS.

S 6925. EXEMPT PERSONS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY BY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS LICENSED IN THIS STATE, OR BY STUDENTS OR INTERNS IN HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY BY QUALIFIED PARA-PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE SUPERVISED BY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS QUALIFIED TO PRACTICE BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY.

(GRANDFATHERING CLAUSE)

S 6926. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** ANY PERSON PRACTICING BIOFEEDBACK THERAPY ON (or before) THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT, SHALL APPLY FOR A LICENSE AS A BIOFEEDBACK THERAPIST WITHIN ONE YEAR OF SUCH DATE. PENDING LICENSURE, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LIMITED PERMIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE. ANY PERSON WHO MEETS THE APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY

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A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY HAVING STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD OF) REGENTS SHALL BE GRANTED A LICENSE. (ABC will qualify for this)

S 6927. PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO CONFER THE AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE MEDICINE BY BIOFEEDBACK THERAPISTS.

Ex Post Facto Law from Legal Dictionary

[Latin, "After-the-fact" laws.] Laws that provide for the infliction of punishment upon a person for some prior act that, at the time it was committed, was not illegal.

One of the basic rules of English – American common Law is the rule of ex-post-facto. This means that if you are doing something and they pass a law that now prohibits your action, you can appeal to the law to continue what you are doing. This leads to the states having to offer a grandfather opportunity for people who have been doing something. The basic idea on biofeedback is that if you have been internationally licensed for over two years and your training is somewhat equal to masters' level, you

would have to be offered a chance to show you are good enough to be grandfathered a license. The IMUNE training is good enough to mostly assure you grandfathering.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **grandfather clause** is a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations, while a new rule will apply to all future cases. Those exempt from the new rule are said to have *grandfather rights* or *acquired rights*. Frequently, the exemption is limited; it may extend for a set period of time, or it may be lost under certain circumstances.



License and Professional Certification Fees

<i>Biofeedback+Wellness International License</i>	<i>\$200/yr</i>
<i>American ABC Medical Board Certification</i>	<i>\$200/yr</i>
<i>SCIO Eductor European License Work Qualifaction--\$1000 for training- \$150/yr</i>	
<i>International Medical Doctor License</i>	<i>\$555/yr</i>

ABC is such a National Certifying Body with real strict rules and standards.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjFWtqhGb-I> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S153ovWk2qQ>

Point of Law



In the USA only a Government body or State can give a License, under British Law a University can give a License



Biofeedback Medical Board

Program	Hours needed	Cost for Certificate
1.Home use for personal use	25 hr	\$150
2.Instructor, MENTOR	course completion+	\$350
3.Q-ESP-T	50 hr	\$300
4.Diplomat Biofeedback+Wellness	100hr	\$600
5.Doctorate Biofeedback+Wellness	700hr	\$4,000
6.INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DOCTORATE	-1500hr	\$8,000
7.Continuing Education Units (CEU)	1 hour	\$75 / hour certificate

EDUCATIONAL FEES

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