

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2139

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEGROOT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 484.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the practice of law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 484.040, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 484.040, to read as follows:

484.040. **1.** The power to admit and license persons to practice as attorneys and counselors in the courts of record of this state, or in any of them, is hereby vested exclusively in the supreme court and shall be regulated by rules of that court. **Admission and licensure to practice as an attorney or counselor shall not be contingent upon membership in or payment of dues to any private organization.**

2. No rule or administrative guidance issued by the Missouri Bar Association shall infringe on an attorney's or counselor's ability to advise or produce documents on behalf of his or her clients to practice in accordance with the laws of Missouri, regardless of discordance with federal law.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.