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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the licensure of psychologists.

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

Section A. Sections 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, are repealed
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.025,
3 337.029, and 337.033, to read as follows:

337.025. 1. The provisions of this section shall govern the education and
2 experience requirements for initial licensure as a psychologist for the following
3 persons:

4 (1) A person who has not matriculated in a graduate degree program
5 which is primarily psychological in nature on or before August 28, 1990; and

6 (2) A person who is matriculated after August 28, 1990, in a graduate
7 degree program designed to train professional psychologists.

8 2. Each applicant shall submit satisfactory evidence to the committee that
9 the applicant has received a doctoral degree in psychology from a recognized
10 educational institution, and has had at least one year of satisfactory supervised
11 professional experience in the field of psychology.

12 3. A doctoral degree in psychology is defined as:

13 (1) A program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the American
14 Psychological Association [or] (APA), the Canadian Psychological Association, or
15 the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)
16 provided that such program include a supervised practicum,
17 internship, field, or laboratory training appropriate to the practice of
18 psychology; or

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 (2) A program designated or approved, including provisional approval, by
20 the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards or the Council for the
21 National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, or both; or

22 (3) A graduate program that meets all of the following criteria:

23 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be
24 clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such a program shall
25 specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and brochures its intent to educate
26 and train professional psychologists;

27 (b) The psychology program shall stand as a recognizable, coherent
28 organizational entity within the institution of higher education;

29 (c) There shall be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core
30 and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;

31 (d) The program shall be an integrated, organized, sequence of study;

32 (e) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist
33 responsible for the program;

34 (f) The program shall have an identifiable body of students who are
35 matriculated in that program for a degree;

36 (g) The program shall include a supervised practicum, internship, field,
37 or laboratory training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

38 (h) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years
39 of full-time graduate study, with a minimum of one year's residency at the
40 educational institution granting the doctoral degree; and

41 (i) Require the completion by the applicant of a core program in
42 psychology which shall be met by the completion and award of at least one
43 three-semester-hour graduate credit course or a combination of graduate credit
44 courses totaling three semester hours or five quarter hours in each of the
45 following areas:

46 a. The biological bases of behavior such as courses in: physiological
47 psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception,
48 psychopharmacology;

49 b. The cognitive-affective bases of behavior such as courses in: learning,
50 thinking, motivation, emotion, and cognitive psychology;

51 c. The social bases of behavior such as courses in: social psychology,
52 group processes/dynamics, interpersonal relationships, and organizational and
53 systems theory;

54 d. Individual differences such as courses in: personality theory, human

55 development, abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, child psychology,
56 adolescent psychology, psychology of aging, and theories of personality;

57 e. The scientific methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and
58 influencing human behavior such as courses in: statistics, experimental design,
59 psychometrics, individual testing, group testing, and research design and
60 methodology.

61 4. Acceptable supervised professional experience may be accrued through
62 preinternship, internship, predoctoral postinternship, or postdoctoral
63 experiences. The academic training director or the postdoctoral training
64 supervisor shall attest to the hours accrued to meet the requirements of this
65 section. Such hours shall consist of:

66 (1) A minimum of fifteen hundred hours of experience in a successfully
67 completed internship to be completed in not less than twelve nor more than
68 twenty-four months; and

69 (2) A minimum of two thousand hours of experience consisting of any
70 combination of the following:

71 (a) Preinternship and predoctoral postinternship professional experience
72 that occurs following the completion of the first year of the doctoral program or
73 at any time while in a doctoral program after completion of a master's degree in
74 psychology or equivalent as defined by rule by the committee;

75 (b) Up to seven hundred fifty hours obtained while on the internship
76 under subdivision (1) of this subsection but beyond the fifteen hundred hours
77 identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection; or

78 (c) Postdoctoral professional experience obtained in no more than
79 twenty-four consecutive calendar months. In no case shall this experience be
80 accumulated at a rate of more than fifty hours per week. Postdoctoral supervised
81 professional experience for prospective health service providers and other
82 applicants shall involve and relate to the delivery of psychological services in
83 accordance with professional requirements and relevant to the applicant's
84 intended area of practice.

85 5. Experience for those applicants who intend to seek health service
86 provider certification and who have completed a program in one or more of the
87 American Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery
88 areas shall be obtained under the primary supervision of a licensed psychologist
89 who is also a health service provider or who otherwise meets the requirements for
90 health service provider certification. Experience for those applicants who do not

91 intend to seek health service provider certification shall be obtained under the
92 primary supervision of a licensed psychologist or such other qualified mental
93 health professional approved by the committee.

94 6. For postinternship and postdoctoral hours, the psychological activities
95 of the applicant shall be performed pursuant to the primary supervisor's order,
96 control, and full professional responsibility. The primary supervisor shall
97 maintain a continuing relationship with the applicant and shall meet with the
98 applicant a minimum of one hour per month in face-to-face individual
99 supervision. Clinical supervision may be delegated by the primary supervisor to
100 one or more secondary supervisors who are qualified psychologists. The
101 secondary supervisors shall retain order, control, and full professional
102 responsibility for the applicant's clinical work under their supervision and shall
103 meet with the applicant a minimum of one hour per week in face-to-face
104 individual supervision. If the primary supervisor is also the clinical supervisor,
105 meetings shall be a minimum of one hour per week. Group supervision shall not
106 be acceptable for supervised professional experience. The primary supervisor
107 shall certify to the committee that the applicant has complied with these
108 requirements and that the applicant has demonstrated ethical and competent
109 practice of psychology. The changing by an agency of the primary supervisor
110 during the course of the supervised experience shall not invalidate the supervised
111 experience.

112 7. The committee by rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and
113 variances from the requirements for once a week face-to-face supervision due to
114 vacations, illness, pregnancy, and other good causes.

337.029. 1. A psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction who has had
2 no violations and no suspensions and no revocation of a license to practice
3 psychology in any jurisdiction may receive a license in Missouri, provided the
4 psychologist passes a written examination on Missouri laws and regulations
5 governing the practice of psychology and meets one of the following criteria:

- 6 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology;
- 7 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in
8 Psychology;
- 9 (3) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another
10 jurisdiction who is then a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial
11 Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement;
- 12 (4) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state,

13 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia and:

14 (a) Has a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or
15 provisionally accredited, by the American Psychological Association **or the**
16 **Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System**, or that meets the
17 requirements as set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 337.025;

18 (b) Has been licensed for the preceding five years; and

19 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the license for the
20 preceding five years; or

21 (5) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification (CPQ) issued
22 by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

23 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section,
24 applicants may be required to pass an oral examination as adopted by the
25 committee.

26 3. A psychologist who receives a license for the practice of psychology in
27 the state of Missouri on the basis of reciprocity as listed in subsection 1 of this
28 section or by endorsement of the score from the examination of professional
29 practice in psychology score will also be eligible for and shall receive certification
30 from the committee as a health service provider if the psychologist meets one or
31 more of the following criteria:

32 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in one
33 or more of the specialties recognized by the American Board of Professional
34 Psychology as pertaining to health service delivery;

35 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in
36 Psychology; or

37 (3) Has completed or obtained through education, training, or experience
38 the requisite knowledge comparable to that which is required pursuant to section
39 337.033.

337.033. 1. A licensed psychologist shall limit his or her practice to
2 demonstrated areas of competence as documented by relevant professional
3 education, training, and experience. A psychologist trained in one area shall not
4 practice in another area without obtaining additional relevant professional
5 education, training, and experience through an acceptable program of
6 respecialization.

7 2. A psychologist may not represent or hold himself or herself out as a
8 state certified or registered psychological health service provider unless the
9 psychologist has first received the psychologist health service provider

10 certification from the committee; provided, however, nothing in this section shall
11 be construed to limit or prevent a licensed, whether temporary, provisional or
12 permanent, psychologist who does not hold a health service provider certificate
13 from providing psychological services so long as such services are consistent with
14 subsection 1 of this section.

15 3. "Relevant professional education and training" for health service
16 provider certification, except those entitled to certification pursuant to subsection
17 5 or 6 of this section, shall be defined as a licensed psychologist whose graduate
18 psychology degree from a recognized educational institution is in an area
19 designated by the American Psychological Association as pertaining to health
20 service delivery or a psychologist who subsequent to receipt of his or her graduate
21 degree in psychology has either completed a respecialization program from a
22 recognized educational institution in one or more of the American Psychological
23 Association recognized clinical health service provider areas and who in addition
24 has completed at least one year of postdegree supervised experience in such
25 clinical area or a psychologist who has obtained comparable education and
26 training acceptable to the committee through completion of postdoctoral
27 fellowships or otherwise.

28 4. The degree or respecialization program certificate shall be obtained
29 from a recognized program of graduate study in one or more of the health service
30 delivery areas designated by the American Psychological Association as
31 pertaining to health service delivery, which shall meet one of the criteria
32 established by subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection:

33 (1) A doctoral degree or completion of a recognized respecialization
34 program in one or more of the American Psychological Association designated
35 health service provider delivery areas which is accredited, or provisionally
36 accredited, **either** by the American Psychological Association **or the**
37 **Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System**; or

38 (2) A clinical or counseling psychology doctoral degree program or
39 respecialization program designated, or provisionally approved, by the Association
40 of State and Provincial Psychology Boards or the Council for the National
41 Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, or both; or

42 (3) A doctoral degree or completion of a respecialization program in one
43 or more of the American Psychological Association designated health service
44 provider delivery areas that meets the following criteria:

45 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be

46 clearly identified and labeled as being in one or more of the American
47 Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas;

48 (b) Such a program shall specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and
49 brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists in one or more
50 of the American Psychological Association designated health service provider
51 delivery areas.

52 5. A person who is lawfully licensed as a psychologist pursuant to the
53 provisions of this chapter on August 28, 1989, or who has been approved to sit for
54 examination prior to August 28, 1989, and who subsequently passes the
55 examination shall be deemed to have met all requirements for health service
56 provider certification; provided, however, that such person shall be governed by
57 the provisions of subsection 1 of this section with respect to limitation of practice.

58 6. Any person who is lawfully licensed as a psychologist in this state and
59 who meets one or more of the following criteria shall automatically, upon
60 payment of the requisite fee, be entitled to receive a health service provider
61 certification from the committee:

62 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in one
63 or more of the specialties recognized by the American Board of Professional
64 Psychology as pertaining to health service delivery; or

65 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in
66 Psychology.

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