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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 337, RSMo, by adding thereto eleven new sections relating to the regulation and licensing of professional addiction counselors, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 337, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto eleven new sections, to
2 be known as sections 337.800, 337.803, 337.806, 337.809, 337.812, 337.815, 337.818, 337.821,
3 337.824, 337.827 and 337.830, to read as follows:

337.800. 1. As used in sections 337.800 to 337.830, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Addiction counseling therapy", the use of applied science and addiction**
3 **theories in the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation and modification of**
4 **human behavior as it relates to the harmful or pathological use of, abuse of, dependency**
5 **on or addiction to alcohol, drugs, other psychoactive substances, psychoactive technology**
6 **or technological products, or addictive behaviors such as gambling, by the application of**
7 **the core functions as defined in subdivision (3) of this section. Addiction counseling**
8 **therapy does not include diagnosing mental diseases. The practice of addiction counseling**
9 **therapy includes, but is not limited to, the following activities, regardless of whether the**
10 **addiction counselor receives compensation for the activities:**

11 **(a) Assisting individuals or groups who use or abuse alcohol or drugs or engage in**
12 **addictive behaviors, evaluating the substance use, abuse, dependency or addictive**
13 **behaviors and recognizing if a developed or developing addiction exists;**

14 **(b) Assisting individuals or groups with substance use, abuse, dependency or**
15 **addiction problems to gain insight and motivation aimed at resolving such problems;**

16 **(c) Providing experienced professional guidance, assistance and support for the**
17 **individuals' efforts to develop and maintain a responsible and functional lifestyle;**