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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 337, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to psychologists.

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

Section A. Chapter 337, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 337.053, to read as follows:

**337.053. 1. The state committee of psychologists shall adopt reasonable rules and
2 regulations providing for the examination and certification of licensed psychologists who
3 apply to the committee for authority to administer, order and prescribe drugs and other
4 medications commonly used in the treatment of all psychological disorders, cognitive
5 disorders, behavioral disorders, mental health disorders and mental illnesses. Such drugs
6 and medications shall be limited to those contained in a formulary of drugs as provided for
7 in subsection 6 of this section.**

**8 2. No licensed psychologist shall administer, order or prescribe any drug or
9 medication in the practice of psychology unless such person submits to the state committee
10 of psychologist evidence of satisfactory completion of an approved course of instruction in
11 pharmacology, as defined by the committee, which includes completion of an organized
12 program of intensive didactic instruction with a minimum of three hundred contact hours
13 in the following core areas of instruction: neuroscience, pharmacology,
14 psychopharmacology, physiology, pathophysiology, appropriate and relevant physical and
15 laboratory assessment, and clinical pharmacotherapeutics. In addition, the licensed
16 psychologist will obtain supervised and relevant clinical experience sufficient to attain
17 competency in the treatment of a diverse patient population under the direction of
18 qualified practitioners as determined by the committee. This clinical experience shall last
19 a minimum of one year and include a minimum of one hundred patients seen for**

20 medication management with exposure to acute, short-term and maintenance medication
21 strategies in both inpatient and outpatient placements under the direct supervision of a
22 qualified practitioner who provides a minimum of two hours of weekly individual
23 supervision. All formal and didactic training and clinical placements must be completed
24 within the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application. The licensed
25 psychologist shall pass a certifying examination administered by the state committee of
26 psychologists and developed by a nationally recognized body approved by the committee
27 or developed by the committee.

28 3. In issuing a license pursuant to sections 337.010 to 337.093, the state committee
29 of psychologists shall state upon the license of the psychologist whether the psychologist
30 is certified to prescribe certain medications.

31 4. The state committee of psychologists shall transmit the names of all psychologists
32 that are certified to prescribe medications to the state board of pharmacy. A pharmacist
33 is authorized to fill any prescription written by a psychologist if the psychologist's name
34 is on the list of those certified by the committee and the medication is an approved
35 medication listed in the formulary as provided for in subsection 6 of this section.

36 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a registered professional nurse
37 licensed pursuant to chapter 335, RSMo, and a licensed practical nurse licensed pursuant
38 to chapter 335, RSMo, shall have the authority to execute an order for the administration
39 of medications issued by a psychologist certified to prescribe, provided that a registered
40 professional nurse and a licensed practical nurse may confer with the psychologist certified
41 to prescribe prior to executing the psychologist's order. Nothing contained in this section
42 shall be deemed to alter the standard of care of the registered professional nurse or the
43 licensed practical nurse applicable to the evaluation and execution of orders, including an
44 order of a psychologist certified to prescribe.

45 6. The state committee of psychologists, the state board of registration for the
46 healing arts and the board of pharmacy shall jointly promulgate rules establishing a
47 formulary of drugs which may be administered, ordered and prescribed by psychologists
48 certified pursuant to this section.