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HOUSE BILL NO. 316

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.010 and 337.025, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two 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Section A. Sections 337.010 and 337.025, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.010 and 337.025, to read as follows:

337.010. As used in sections 337.010 to 337.090 the following terms mean:

(1) "Committee", the state committee of psychologists;

(2) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration;

(3) "Division", the division of professional registration;

(4) **"Internship", any supervised hours that occur during a formal internship of twelve to twenty-four months after all academic course work toward a doctorate has been completed but prior to completion of the full degree. Internship is part of successful completion of a doctorate in psychology, and a person cannot earn his or her doctorate without completion of an internship;**

(5) "Licensed psychologist", any person who offers to render psychological services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, schools, government agencies or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise, implying that such person is trained, experienced and licensed to practice psychology and who holds a current and valid, whether temporary, provisional or permanent, license in this state to practice psychology;

(6) **"Postdoctoral experiences", experiences that follow the completion of a person's doctoral degree. Such person shall not be licensed until he or she satisfies additional**

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.

18 **supervised hours. Postdoctoral experiences shall include any supervised clinical activities**
19 **following the completion of the doctoral degree;**

20 (7) **"Predoctoral postinternship", any supervised hours that occur following**
21 **completion of the internship but prior to completing the degree. Such person may continue**
22 **to provide supervised clinical services even after his or her internship is completed and**
23 **while still completing his or her doctoral degree requirements;**

24 (8) **"Preinternship", any supervised hours acquired as a student or in the course**
25 **of seeking a doctorate in psychology but before the internship, which includes supervised**
26 **practicum;**

27 ~~[(5)]~~ (9) **"Provisional licensed psychologist", any person who is a graduate of a**
28 **recognized educational institution with a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section**
29 **337.025, and who otherwise meets all requirements to become a licensed psychologist except**
30 **for passage of the licensing exams, oral examination and completion of the required period of**
31 **postdegree supervised experience as specified in subsection 2 of section 337.025;**

32 ~~[(6)]~~ (10) **"Recognized educational institution":**

33 (a) **A school, college, university or other institution of higher learning in the United**
34 **States, which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had a graduate program in**
35 **psychology and was accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations approved by the**
36 **Council on Postsecondary Accreditation; or**

37 (b) **A school, college, university or other institution of higher learning outside the United**
38 **States, which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had a graduate program in**
39 **psychology and maintained a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards of**
40 **training of those programs accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations approved**
41 **by the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation;**

42 ~~[(7)]~~ (11) **"Temporary license", a license which is issued to a person licensed as a**
43 **psychologist in another jurisdiction, who has applied for licensure in this state either by**
44 **reciprocity or endorsement of the score from the Examination for Professional Practice in**
45 **Psychology, and who is awaiting either a final determination by the committee relative to such**
46 **person's eligibility for licensure or who is awaiting the results of the jurisprudence examination**
47 **or oral examination.**

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

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

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

- 7 2. Each applicant shall submit satisfactory evidence to the committee that the applicant
8 has received a doctoral degree in psychology from a recognized educational institution, and has
9 had at least one year of satisfactory supervised professional experience in the field of psychology.
- 10 3. A doctoral degree in psychology is defined as:
- 11 (1) A program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the American Psychological
12 Association; or
- 13 (2) A program designated or approved, including provisional approval, by the American
14 Association of State Psychology Boards or the Council for the National Register of Health
15 Service Providers in Psychology, or both; or
- 16 (3) A graduate program that meets all of the following criteria:
- 17 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be clearly identified
18 and labeled as a psychology program. Such a program shall specify in pertinent institutional
19 catalogues and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;
- 20 (b) The psychology program shall stand as a recognizable, coherent organizational entity
21 within the institution of higher education;
- 22 (c) There shall be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty
23 areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;
- 24 (d) The program shall be an integrated, organized, sequence of study;
- 25 (e) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist responsible for
26 the program;
- 27 (f) The program shall have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that
28 program for a degree;
- 29 (g) The program shall include a supervised practicum, internship, field, or laboratory
30 training appropriate to the practice of psychology;
- 31 (h) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years of full-time
32 graduate study, with a minimum of one year's residency at the educational institution granting
33 the doctoral degree; and
- 34 (i) Require the completion by the applicant of a core program in psychology which shall
35 be met by the completion and award of at least one three-semester-hour graduate credit course
36 or a combination of graduate credit courses totaling three semester hours or five quarter hours
37 in each of the following areas:
- 38 a. The biological bases of behavior such as courses in: physiological psychology,
39 comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, psychopharmacology;
- 40 b. The cognitive-affective bases of behavior such as courses in: learning, thinking,
41 motivation, emotion, and cognitive psychology;

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

44 d. Individual differences such as courses in: personality theory, human development,
45 abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, child psychology, adolescent psychology,
46 psychology of aging, and theories of personality;

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

50 4. Acceptable supervised professional experience **may be accrued through**
51 **preinternship, internship, predoctoral postinternship, or postdoctoral experiences. The**
52 **academic training director or the postdoctoral training supervisor shall attest to the hours**
53 **accrued to meet the requirements of this section. Such hours** shall consist of:

54 (1) A minimum of fifteen hundred hours of [~~professional~~] experience [~~obtained~~] **in a**
55 **successfully completed internship to be completed** in not less than twelve nor more than
56 twenty-four [~~consecutive calendar~~] months; and

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

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

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

66 (c) Postdoctoral professional experience obtained in no more than twenty-four
67 consecutive calendar months. In no case shall this experience be accumulated at a rate of [~~less~~
68 ~~than twenty hours per week nor~~] more than fifty hours per week. Postdoctoral supervised
69 professional experience for prospective health service providers shall involve and relate to the
70 delivery of psychological [~~health services. Postdoctoral supervised professional experience for~~
71 ~~other applicants shall be in accordance with professional~~] requirements and relevant to the
72 applicant's intended area of practice.

73 5. [~~Postdoctoral~~] Experience for those applicants who intend to seek health service
74 provider certification and who have completed a program in one or more of the American
75 Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas shall be obtained
76 under the primary supervision of a licensed psychologist who is also a health service provider
77 or who otherwise meets the requirements for health service provider certification. [~~Postdoctoral~~]

78 Experience for those applicants who do not intend to seek health service provider certification
79 shall be obtained under the primary supervision of a licensed psychologist or such other qualified
80 mental health professional approved by the committee.

81 **6. For postinternship and postdoctoral hours,** the psychological activities of the
82 applicant shall be performed pursuant to the primary supervisor's order, control, and full
83 professional responsibility. The primary supervisor shall maintain a continuing relationship with
84 the applicant and shall meet with the applicant a minimum of one hour per month in face-to-face
85 individual supervision. Clinical supervision may be delegated by the primary supervisor to one
86 or more secondary supervisors who are qualified psychologists. The secondary supervisors shall
87 retain order, control, and full professional responsibility for the applicant's clinical work under
88 their supervision and shall meet with the applicant a minimum of one hour per week in
89 face-to-face individual supervision. If the primary supervisor is also the clinical supervisor,
90 meetings shall be a minimum of one hour per week. Group supervision shall not be acceptable
91 for supervised professional experience. The primary supervisor shall certify to the committee
92 that the applicant has complied with these requirements and that the applicant has demonstrated
93 ethical and competent practice of psychology. The changing by an agency of the primary
94 supervisor during the course of the supervised experience shall not invalidate the supervised
95 experience.

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

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