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HOUSE BILL NO. 316
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Professional Registration, April 20, 2017, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.010, 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four 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, 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, are
2 repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 337.010, 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, to read as follows:

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

- 2 (1) "Committee", the state committee of psychologists;
- 3 (2) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and
4 professional registration;
- 5 (3) "Division", the division of professional registration;
- 6 (4) **"Internship", any supervised hours that occur during a formal
7 internship of twelve to twenty-four months after all academic course
8 work toward a doctorate has been completed but prior to completion
9 of the full degree. Internship is part of successful completion of a
10 doctorate in psychology, and a person cannot earn his or her doctorate
11 without completion of an internship;**
- 12 (5) "Licensed psychologist", any person who offers to render psychological
13 services to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, corporations, schools,
14 government agencies or the general public for a fee, monetary or otherwise,
15 implying that such person is trained, experienced and licensed to practice
16 psychology and who holds a current and valid, whether temporary, provisional or

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

17 permanent, license in this state to practice psychology;

18 **(6) "Postdoctoral experiences", experiences that follow the**
19 **completion of a person's doctoral degree. Such person shall not be**
20 **licensed until he or she satisfies additional supervised**
21 **hours. Postdoctoral experiences shall include any supervised clinical**
22 **activities following the completion of the doctoral degree;**

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

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

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

37 **[(6)] (10) "Recognized educational institution":**

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

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

49 **[(7)] (11) "Temporary license", a license which is issued to a person**
50 **licensed as a psychologist in another jurisdiction, who has applied for licensure**
51 **in this state either by reciprocity or endorsement of the score from the**
52 **Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology, and who is awaiting either**

53 a final determination by the committee relative to such person's eligibility for
54 licensure or who is awaiting the results of the jurisprudence examination or oral
55 examination.

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 (**APA**), the **Psychological Clinical Science**
15 **Accreditation System (PCSAS)**, or the **Canadian Psychological**
16 **Association (CPA)** provided that such program include a supervised
17 **practicum, internship, field, or laboratory training appropriate to the**
18 **practice of psychology**; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (e) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist

34 responsible for the program;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81 **(c) Postdoctoral professional experience obtained in no more**
82 **than twenty-four consecutive calendar months.** In no case shall this
83 experience be accumulated at a rate of [less than twenty hours per week nor]
84 more than fifty hours per week. Postdoctoral supervised professional experience
85 for prospective health service providers **and other applicants** shall involve and
86 relate to the delivery of psychological [health] services[. Postdoctoral supervised
87 professional experience for other applicants shall be] in accordance with
88 professional requirements and relevant to the applicant's intended area of
89 practice.

90 5. [Postdoctoral] Experience for those applicants who intend to seek
91 health service provider certification and who have completed a program in one or
92 more of the American Psychological Association designated health service
93 provider delivery areas shall be obtained under the primary supervision of a
94 licensed psychologist who is also a health service provider or who otherwise meets
95 the requirements for health service provider certification. [Postdoctoral]
96 Experience for those applicants who do not intend to seek health service provider
97 certification shall be obtained under the primary supervision of a licensed
98 psychologist or such other qualified mental health professional approved by the
99 committee.

100 6. **For postinternship and postdoctoral hours,** the psychological
101 activities of the applicant shall be performed pursuant to the primary supervisor's
102 order, control, and full professional responsibility. The primary supervisor shall
103 maintain a continuing relationship with the applicant and shall meet with the
104 applicant a minimum of one hour per month in face-to-face individual
105 supervision. Clinical supervision may be delegated by the primary supervisor to

106 one or more secondary supervisors who are qualified psychologists. The
107 secondary supervisors shall retain order, control, and full professional
108 responsibility for the applicant's clinical work under their supervision and shall
109 meet with the applicant a minimum of one hour per week in face-to-face
110 individual supervision. If the primary supervisor is also the clinical supervisor,
111 meetings shall be a minimum of one hour per week. Group supervision shall not
112 be acceptable for supervised professional experience. The primary supervisor
113 shall certify to the committee that the applicant has complied with these
114 requirements and that the applicant has demonstrated ethical and competent
115 practice of psychology. The changing by an agency of the primary supervisor
116 during the course of the supervised experience shall not invalidate the supervised
117 experience.

118 7. The committee by rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and
119 variances from the requirements for once a week face-to-face supervision due to
120 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, **the**
16 **Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System, or the Canadian**
17 **Psychological Association** or that meets the requirements as set forth in
18 subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 337.025;
19 (b) Has been licensed for the preceding five years; and
20 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the license for the
21 preceding five years; or

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

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

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

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

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

38 (3) Has completed or obtained through education, training, or experience
39 the requisite knowledge comparable to that which is required pursuant to section
40 337.033.

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, by the American Psychological Association, **the Psychological**
37 **Clinical Science Accreditation System, or the Canadian Psychological**
38 **Association**; or

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

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

46 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be
47 clearly identified and labeled as being in one or more of the American
48 Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas;

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

53 5. A person who is lawfully licensed as a psychologist pursuant to the

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

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

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

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

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