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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHNEIDER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 337.029 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bills nos. 1601, 1591, 1592, 1479, 1615 and house committee substitute for house bills nos. 1094, 1213, 1311 & 1428, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, section 337.029 as enacted by house committee substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 732 of the eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 337.510, RSMo 2000, relating to professional services, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Section 337.029 as enacted by conference committee substitute for senate committee substitute for house substitute for house committee substitute for house bills nos. 1601, 1591, 1592, 1479, 1615 and house committee substitute for house bills nos. 1094, 1213, 1311 & 1428, eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, section 337.029 as enacted by house committee substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 732 of the eighty-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 337.510, RSMo 2000, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.029 and 337.510, to read as follows:

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

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

- (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology;
- (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology;
- (3) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction who is then a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement;
- (4) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia and:

- (a) Has a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the American Psychological Association or that meets the requirements as set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 337.025;

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

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

[or]

- (5) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in a state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia that extends like privileges for reciprocal licensing or certification to persons licensed by this state with similar qualifications; **or**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(4) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia whose requirements for licensure at the time the applicant was licensed were substantially equal to or greater than this state's requirements were for licensure at such time; or

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337.510. 1. Each applicant for licensure as a professional counselor shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

(1) The applicant has met any one of the three following education-experience requirements:

(a) The applicant has received a doctoral degree with a major in counseling, or its equivalent, from an acceptable educational institution, as defined by division rules, and has completed at least one year of acceptable supervised counseling experience subsequent to receipt of the doctoral degree; or

(b) The applicant has received a specialist's degree with a major in counseling, or its equivalent, from an acceptable educational institution, as defined by division rules, and has completed at least one year of acceptable supervised counseling experience subsequent to receipt of the specialist's degree; or

(c) The applicant has received at least a master's degree with a major in counseling, or its

equivalent, from an acceptable educational institution as defined by division rules, and has completed two years of acceptable supervised counseling experience subsequent to receipt of the master's degree. An applicant may substitute thirty semester hours of post-master's graduate study, or their equivalent, for one of the two required years of acceptable supervised counseling experience, if such hours are clearly related to the field of professional counseling and are earned from an acceptable educational institution.

(2) Upon examination, the applicant is possessed of requisite knowledge of the profession, including techniques and applications, research and its interpretation, and professional affairs and ethics.

2. Any person [not a resident of this state] holding a valid unrevoked, **unsuspended** and unexpired license as a professional counselor issued by a state having substantially the same licensing requirements as this state [may] **shall** be granted a license to engage in the person's occupation in this state upon application to the committee accompanied by the appropriate fee as established by the committee pursuant to section 337.507.

3. Any person who previously held a valid unrevoked license as a professional counselor in this state and who currently holds a valid unrevoked, unsuspended and unexpired license as a professional counselor in another state shall be granted a license to engage in professional counseling in this state upon application to the committee accompanied by the appropriate fee as established by the committee pursuant to section 337.507.

4. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.500 to 337.540 and who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of [subsection] **subsections 2 or 3** of this section. The division shall issue a provisional professional counselor license to any applicant who meets all requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 1 of this section, but who has not completed the required one or two years of acceptable supervised counseling experience required by paragraphs (a) to (c) of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section, and such applicant may reapply for licensure as a professional counselor upon completion of such acceptable supervised counseling experience.

Section B. Because of the need for continuing, uninterrupted practice by professional counselors and psychologists sections 337.029 and 337.510 of this act are deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and sections 337.029 and 337.510 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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