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SENATE BILL NO. 234

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASSON.

Read 1st time January 29, 2013, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time February 14, 2013, and referred to the Committee on Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections.

Reported from the Committee February 28, 2013, with recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Taken up March 7, 2013. Read 3rd time and placed upon its final passage; bill passed.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 337.715, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to marital and family therapists.

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

Section A. Section 337.715, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.715, to read as follows:

337.715. 1. Each applicant for licensure or provisional licensure as a
2 marital and family therapist shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

3 (1) The applicant has a master's degree or a doctoral degree in marital
4 and family therapy **from a program accredited by the Commission on**
5 **Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education**, or its
6 equivalent as defined by committee regulation, from an [acceptable] educational
7 institution accredited by a regional accrediting body [or accredited by an
8 accrediting body which has been approved] **that is recognized** by the United
9 States Department of Education;

10 (2) The applicant for licensure as a marital and family therapist has
11 twenty-four months of postgraduate supervised clinical experience acceptable to
12 the committee, as the state committee determines by rule;

13 (3) After August 28, 2008, the applicant shall have completed a minimum
14 of three semester hours of graduate-level course work in diagnostic systems either
15 within the curriculum leading to a degree as defined in subdivision (1) of this
16 subsection or as post-master's graduate-level course work. Each applicant shall

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

17 demonstrate supervision of diagnosis as a core component of the postgraduate
18 supervised clinical experience as defined in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

19 (4) Upon examination, the applicant is possessed of requisite knowledge
20 of the profession, including techniques and applications research and its
21 interpretation and professional affairs and ethics;

22 (5) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral
23 character, is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and
24 has not been convicted of a felony during the ten years immediately prior to
25 application for licensure.

26 2. Any person otherwise qualified for licensure holding a current license,
27 certificate of registration, or permit from another state or territory of the United
28 States or the District of Columbia to practice marriage and family therapy may
29 be granted a license without examination to engage in the practice of marital and
30 family therapy in this state upon application to the state committee, payment of
31 the required fee as established by the state committee, and satisfaction of the
32 following:

33 (1) Determination by the state committee that the requirements of the
34 other state or territory are substantially the same as Missouri;

35 (2) Verification by the applicant's licensing entity that the applicant has
36 a current license; and

37 (3) Consent by the applicant to examination of any disciplinary history in
38 any state.

39 3. The state committee shall issue a license to each person who files an
40 application and fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.700 to 337.739.

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