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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections, March 13, 2014, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.615, 337.643, and 337.645, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to social work practice.

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

Section A. Sections 337.615, 337.643, and 337.645, RSMo, are repealed
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.615,
3 337.643, and 337.645, to read as follows:

337.615. 1. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall
2 furnish evidence to the committee that:

3 (1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college or university
4 program of social work accredited by the council of social work education or a
5 doctorate degree from a school of social work acceptable to the committee;

6 (2) The applicant has completed **at least** three thousand hours of
7 supervised clinical experience with a qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in
8 section 337.600, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight
9 consecutive calendar months. **For any applicant who has successfully**
10 **completed at least four thousand hours of supervised clinical**
11 **experience with a qualified clinical supervisor, as defined in section**
12 **337.600, within the same time frame prescribed in this subsection, the**
13 **applicant shall be eligible for application of licensure at three thousand**
14 **hours and shall be furnished a certificate by the state committee for**
15 **social workers acknowledging the completion of said additional hours;**

16 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as defined by the
17 committee, on an examination approved by the committee. The eligibility
18 requirements for such examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;

19 (4) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral

20 character, is a United States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and
21 has not been convicted of a felony during the ten years immediately prior to
22 application for licensure.

23 2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or
24 permit from another state or territory of the United States or the District of
25 Columbia to practice clinical social work who has had no disciplinary action taken
26 against the license, certificate of registration, or permit for the preceding five
27 years may be granted a license to practice clinical social work in this state if the
28 person meets one of the following criteria:

29 (1) Has received a masters or doctoral degree from a college or university
30 program of social work accredited by the council of social work education and has
31 been licensed to practice clinical social work for the preceding five years; or

32 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as a clinical social worker in another
33 state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia having
34 substantially the same requirements as this state for clinical social workers.

35 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an
36 application and fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689
37 and who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has
38 complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this
39 section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

337.643. 1. No person shall use the title of licensed master social worker
2 and engage in the practice of master social work in this state unless the person
3 is licensed as required by the provisions of this section and section 337.644.

4 2. A licensed master social worker shall be deemed qualified to practice
5 the applications of social work theory, knowledge, methods and ethics and the
6 professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or
7 biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups,
8 organizations, and communities. "Master social work practice" includes the
9 applications of specialized knowledge and advanced practice skills in the
10 management, information and referral, counseling, supervision, consultation,
11 education, research, advocacy, community organization, and the development,
12 implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities. Under
13 supervision as provided in sections 337.600 to 337.689, the practice of master
14 social work may include the practices reserved to clinical social workers or
15 advanced macro social workers for no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar
16 months for the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645.

17 **No licensed master social worker shall practice independently the**
18 **scope of practice reserved for clinical social workers or advanced**
19 **macro social workers. This shall mean that any practices reserved to**
20 **licensed clinical social workers or licensed advanced macro social**
21 **workers performed by a licensed master social worker shall be for the**
22 **purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645 in an**
23 **employment setting where either a licensed clinical social worker or a**
24 **licensed advanced macro social worker is a registered supervisor**
25 **approved by the state committee for social work.**

337.645. 1. Each applicant for licensure as an advanced macro social
2 worker shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

3 (1) The applicant has a master's degree from a college or university
4 program of social work accredited by the council of social work education or a
5 doctorate degree from a school of social work acceptable to the committee;

6 (2) The applicant has completed **at least** three thousand hours of
7 supervised advanced macro experience with a qualified advanced macro
8 supervisor as defined in section 337.600 in no less than twenty-four months and
9 no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months. **For any applicant who**
10 **has successfully completed at least four thousand hours of supervised**
11 **advanced macro experience with a qualified advanced macro**
12 **supervisor, as defined in section 337.600, within the same time frame**
13 **prescribed in this subsection, the applicant shall be eligible for**
14 **application of licensure at three thousand hours and shall be furnished**
15 **a certificate by the state committee for social workers acknowledging**
16 **the completion of said additional hours;**

17 (3) The applicant has achieved a passing score, as defined by the
18 committee, on an examination approved by the committee. The eligibility
19 requirements for such examination shall be promulgated by rule of the committee;

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

24 2. Any person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or
25 permit from another state or territory of the United States or the District of
26 Columbia to practice advanced macro social work who has had no disciplinary
27 action taken against the license, certificate of registration, or permit for the

28 preceding five years may be granted a license to practice advanced macro social
29 work in this state if the person meets one of the following criteria:

30 (1) Has received a master's or doctoral degree from a college or university
31 program of social work accredited by the council of social work education and has
32 been licensed to practice advanced macro social work for the preceding five years;
33 or

34 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as an advanced macro social worker
35 in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia having
36 substantially the same requirements as this state for advanced macro social
37 workers.

38 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an
39 application and fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.689
40 and who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has
41 complied with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this
42 section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.

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