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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASSON.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 337.643, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to master social work practice.

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

Section A. Section 337.643, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.643, to read as follows:

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 the licensed master social workers shall be for
22 the purpose of obtaining licensure under section 337.615 or 337.645 in
23 an employment setting where either a licensed clinical social workers
24 or licensed advanced macro social workers is a registered supervisor
25 approved by the state committee for social work.

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