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AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.010 and 337.025, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two 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Section A. Sections 337.010 and 337.025, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.010 and 337.025, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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 **or the Canadian Psychological Association**; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (e) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist
30 responsible for the program;

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

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

35 (h) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years

36 of full-time graduate study, with a minimum of one year's residency at the
37 educational institution granting the doctoral degree; and

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

43 a. The biological bases of behavior such as courses in: physiological
44 psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception,
45 psychopharmacology;

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

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

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

54 e. The scientific methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and
55 influencing human behavior such as courses in: statistics, experimental design,
56 psychometrics, individual testing, group testing, and research design and
57 methodology.

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

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

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

68 (a) **Preinternship and predoctoral postinternship professional**
69 **experience that occurs following the completion of the first year of the**
70 **doctoral program or at any time while in a doctoral program after**
71 **completion of a master's degree in psychology or equivalent as defined**

72 **by rule by the committee;**

73 **(b) Up to seven hundred fifty hours obtained while on the**
74 **internship under subdivision (1) of this subsection but beyond the**
75 **fifteen hundred hours identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection;**
76 **or**

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

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

96 6. **For postinternship and postdoctoral hours,** the psychological
97 activities of the applicant shall be performed pursuant to the primary supervisor's
98 order, control, and full professional responsibility. The primary supervisor shall
99 maintain a continuing relationship with the applicant and shall meet with the
100 applicant a minimum of one hour per month in face-to-face individual
101 supervision. Clinical supervision may be delegated by the primary supervisor to
102 one or more secondary supervisors who are qualified psychologists. The
103 secondary supervisors shall retain order, control, and full professional
104 responsibility for the applicant's clinical work under their supervision and shall
105 meet with the applicant a minimum of one hour per week in face-to-face
106 individual supervision. If the primary supervisor is also the clinical supervisor,
107 meetings shall be a minimum of one hour per week. Group supervision shall not

108 be acceptable for supervised professional experience. The primary supervisor
109 shall certify to the committee that the applicant has complied with these
110 requirements and that the applicant has demonstrated ethical and competent
111 practice of psychology. The changing by an agency of the primary supervisor
112 during the course of the supervised experience shall not invalidate the supervised
113 experience.

114 7. The committee by rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and
115 variances from the requirements for once a week face-to-face supervision due to
116 vacations, illness, pregnancy, and other good causes.

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