

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 637

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.020 and 337.029, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to psychologist licensees.

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

Section A. Sections 337.020 and 337.029, RSMo, are repealed and two new  
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.020 and 337.029, to  
3 read as follows:

337.020. 1. Each person desiring to obtain a license, whether temporary,  
2 provisional or permanent, as a psychologist shall make application to the  
3 committee upon such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the  
4 committee and shall pay the required application fee. The form shall include a  
5 statement that the applicant has completed two hours of suicide assessment,  
6 referral, treatment, and management training that meets the guidelines  
7 developed by the committee. [The committee shall not charge an application fee  
8 until such time that the application has been approved. In the event that an  
9 application is denied or rejected, no application fee shall be charged.] The  
10 application fee shall not be refundable. Each application shall contain a  
11 statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations  
12 are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the  
13 application, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

14 2. Each applicant, whether for temporary, provisional or permanent  
15 licensure, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant  
16 is at least twenty-one years of age, is of good moral character, and meets the  
17 appropriate educational requirements as set forth in either section 337.021 or  
18 337.025, or is qualified for licensure without examination pursuant to section

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

19 337.029. In determining the acceptability of the applicant's qualifications, the  
20 committee may require evidence that it deems reasonable and proper, in  
21 accordance with law, and the applicant shall furnish the evidence in the manner  
22 required by the committee.

23 3. The committee with assistance from the division shall issue a  
24 permanent license to and register as a psychologist any applicant who, in  
25 addition to having fulfilled the other requirements of sections 337.010 to 337.090,  
26 passes the examination for professional practice in psychology and such other  
27 examinations in psychology which may be adopted by the committee, except that  
28 an applicant fulfilling the requirement of section 337.029 shall upon successful  
29 completion of the jurisprudence examination and completion of the oral  
30 examination be permanently licensed without having to retake the examination  
31 for professional practice in psychology.

32 4. The committee, with assistance from the division, shall issue a  
33 provisional license to, and register as being a provisionally licensed psychologist,  
34 any applicant who is a graduate of a recognized educational institution with a  
35 doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section 337.025, and who otherwise  
36 meets all requirements to become a licensed psychologist, except for passage of  
37 the national and state licensing exams, oral examination and completion of the  
38 required period of postdegree supervised experience as specified in subsection 2  
39 of section 337.025.

40 5. A provisional license issued pursuant to subsection 4 of this section  
41 shall only authorize and permit the applicant to render those psychological  
42 services which are under the supervision and the full professional responsibility  
43 and control of such person's postdoctoral degree licensed supervisor. A  
44 provisional license shall automatically terminate upon issuance of a permanent  
45 license, upon a finding of cause to discipline after notice and hearing pursuant  
46 to section 337.035, upon the expiration of one year from the date of issuance  
47 whichever event first occurs, or upon termination of supervision by the licensed  
48 supervisor. The provisional license may be renewed after one year with a  
49 maximum issuance of two years total per provisional licensee. The committee by  
50 rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and variances from the requirement  
51 of a maximum issuance of two years due to vacations, illness, pregnancy and  
52 other good causes.

53 6. The committee, with assistance from the division, shall immediately  
54 issue a temporary license to any applicant for licensure either by reciprocity

55 pursuant to section 337.029, or by endorsement of the score from the examination  
56 for professional practice in psychology upon receipt of an application for such  
57 licensure and upon proof that the applicant is either licensed as a psychologist  
58 in another jurisdiction, is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional  
59 Psychology, or is a member of the National Register of Health Services Providers  
60 in Psychology.

61 7. A temporary license issued pursuant to subsection 6 of this section  
62 shall authorize the applicant to practice psychology in this state, the same as if  
63 a permanent license had been issued. Such temporary license shall be issued  
64 without payment of an additional fee and shall remain in full force and effect  
65 until the earlier of the following events:

66 (1) A permanent license has been issued to the applicant following  
67 successful completion of the jurisprudence examination and the oral interview  
68 examination;

69 (2) In cases where the committee has found the applicant ineligible for  
70 licensure and no appeal has been taken to the administrative hearing  
71 commission, then at the expiration of such appeal time; or

72 (3) In cases where the committee has found the applicant ineligible for  
73 licensure and the applicant has taken an appeal to the administrative hearing  
74 commission and the administrative hearing commission has also found the  
75 applicant ineligible, then upon the rendition by the administrative hearing  
76 commission of its findings of fact and conclusions of law to such effect.

77 8. Written and oral examinations pursuant to sections 337.010 to 337.090  
78 shall be administered by the committee at least twice each year to any applicant  
79 who meets the educational requirements set forth in either section 337.021 or  
80 337.025 or to any applicant who is seeking licensure either by reciprocity  
81 pursuant to section 337.029, or by endorsement of the score from the examination  
82 of professional practice in psychology. The committee shall examine in the areas  
83 of professional knowledge, techniques and applications, research and its  
84 interpretation, professional affairs, ethics, and Missouri law and regulations  
85 governing the practice of psychology. The committee may use, in whole or in part,  
86 the examination for professional practice in psychology national examination in  
87 psychology or such other national examination in psychology which may be  
88 available.

89 9. If an applicant fails any examination, the applicant shall be permitted  
90 to take a subsequent examination, upon the payment of an additional

91 reexamination fee. This reexamination fee shall not be refundable.

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

6 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology;

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

9 (3) [Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another  
10 jurisdiction who is then a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial  
11 Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement;

12 (4)] Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state,  
13 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia and:

14 (a) Has a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or  
15 provisionally accredited, either by the American Psychological Association or the  
16 Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System, or that meets the  
17 requirements as set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection 3 of section 337.025;

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

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

21 [(5)] (4) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification (CPQ)  
22 issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

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

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

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

35 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in

36 Psychology; or

37 (3) Has completed or obtained through education, training, or experience  
38 the requisite knowledge comparable to that which is required pursuant to section  
39 337.033.

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