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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 337.020, RSMo Supp. 1997, relating to the licensing of psychologists, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 337.020, RSMo Supp. 1997, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.020, to read as follows:

337.020. 1. Each person desiring to obtain a license as a psychologist shall make application to the committee upon such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the committee and shall pay the required application fee. The application fee shall not be refundable. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

2. Each applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the committee that the applicant is at least twenty-one years of age, is of good moral character, and meets the appropriate educational and supervised training requirements as set forth in either section 337.021 or 337.025, or is qualified for licensure without examination pursuant to section 337.029. In determining the acceptability of the applicant's qualifications, the committee may require evidence that it deems reasonable and proper, in accordance with law, and the applicant shall furnish the evidence in the manner required by the committee.

3. The committee with assistance from the division shall license and register as a psychologist any applicant who, in addition to having fulfilled the other requirements of sections 337.010 to 337.090, passes the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology or such other examination in psychology which may be adopted by the committee, except that an applicant fulfilling the requirement of section 337.029 shall be licensed without examination.

4. Written and oral examinations pursuant to sections 337.010 to 337.090 shall be administered by the committee at least twice each year to those applicants who meet the other requirements for licensure. The committee shall examine in the areas of professional knowledge, techniques and applications, research and its interpretation, professional affairs, ethics, and Missouri law and regulations governing the practice of psychology. The committee may use, in whole or in part, the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology national examination in psychology or such other national examination in psychology which may be available.

5. If an applicant fails any examination, the applicant shall be permitted to take a subsequent examination, upon the payment of an additional reexamination fee. This reexamination fee shall not be refundable.

**6. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to hypnotherapists.**

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