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HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 337.615, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to clinical social workers.

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

Section A. Section 337.615, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.615, to read as follows:

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

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

(2) The applicant has completed three thousand hours of supervised clinical experience with a licensed clinical social worker acceptable to the committee, as defined by rule, in no less than twenty-four months and no more than forty-eight consecutive calendar months;

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

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

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 2. [A licensed clinical social worker who has had no violations and no suspensions and
16 no revocation of a license to practice clinical social work in any jurisdiction may receive a
17 license in Missouri provided said clinical social worker passes a written examination and] **Any**
18 **person holding a current license, certificate of registration, or permit from another state**
19 **or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to practice clinical social work**
20 **who has had no disciplinary action taken against the license, certificate of registration, or**
21 **permit for the preceding five years may be granted a license to practice clinical social work**
22 **in this state if the person** meets one of the following criteria:

23 (1) [Is currently licensed or certified as a licensed clinical social worker in another state,
24 territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia; and

25 (a) Who] Has received a masters or doctoral degree from a college or university program
26 of social work accredited by the council of social work education[;

27 (b)] **and** has been licensed for the preceding five years; [and

28 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the license for the preceding five years;]
29 or

30 (2) Is currently licensed or certified as a clinical social worker in another state, territory
31 of the United States, or the District of Columbia [that extends like privileges for reciprocal
32 licensing or certification to persons licensed by this state with similar qualifications] **having**
33 **substantially the same requirements as this state for clinical social workers.**

34 3. The committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and fee
35 as required by the provisions of sections 337.600 to 337.639 and who furnishes evidence
36 satisfactory to the committee that the applicant has complied with the provisions of subdivisions
37 (1) to (4) of subsection 1 of this section or with the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.
38 The committee shall issue a provisional clinical social worker license to any applicant who meets
39 all requirements of subdivisions (1), (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section, but who has not
40 completed the twenty-four months of supervised clinical experience required by subdivision (2)
41 of subsection 1 of this section, and such applicant may reapply for licensure as a clinical social
42 worker upon completion of the twenty-four months of supervised clinical experience.

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