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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1442
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.020, 337.029, and 337.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to professional licensure.

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

Section A. Sections 337.020, 337.029, and 337.050, RSMo, are repealed and four new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.035, 337.020, 337.029, and
3 337.050, to read as follows:

**324.035. No board, commission, or committee within the division of professional
2 registration or any outside vendor or agency contracted with a board, commission, or
3 committee within the division of professional registration shall utilize occupational
4 licensure fees, or any other fees associated with licensing requirements, for the purpose of
5 offering continuing education classes. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
6 preclude a board, commission, or committee within the division of professional registration
7 from utilizing occupational licensure fees for the purpose of attending, participating in, or
8 presenting in a conference, seminar, class, or other outreach for the purpose of
9 communicating information to its licensees with respect to changes in policy, law, or
10 regulation.**

11 337.020. 1. Each person desiring to obtain a license, whether temporary, provisional or
12 permanent, as a psychologist shall make application to the committee upon such forms and in
13 such manner as may be prescribed by the committee and shall pay the required application fee.
14 The form shall include a statement that the applicant has completed two hours of suicide
15 assessment, referral, treatment, and management training that meets the guidelines developed
16 by the committee. ~~[The committee shall not charge an application fee until such time that the~~
17 ~~application has been approved. In the event that an application is denied or rejected, no~~

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.

18 ~~application fee shall be charged.]~~ The application fee shall not be refundable. Each application
19 shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are
20 true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application, subject
21 to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

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

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

37 4. The committee, with assistance from the division, shall issue a provisional license to,
38 and register as being a provisionally licensed psychologist, any applicant who is a graduate of
39 a recognized educational institution with a doctoral degree in psychology as defined in section
40 337.025, and who otherwise meets all requirements to become a licensed psychologist, except
41 for passage of the national and state licensing exams, oral examination and completion of the
42 required period of postdegree supervised experience as specified in subsection 2 of section
43 337.025.

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

53 variances from the requirement of a maximum issuance of two years due to vacations, illness,
54 pregnancy and other good causes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

337.029. 1. A psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction who has had no violations
2 and no suspensions and no revocation of a license to practice psychology in any jurisdiction may

3 receive a license in Missouri, provided the psychologist passes a written examination on
4 Missouri laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology and meets one of the
5 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 Psychology;

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

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

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

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

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

18 or

19 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification (CPQ) issued by the
20 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

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

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

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

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

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

337.050. 1. There is hereby created and established a "State Committee of
2 Psychologists", which shall consist of seven licensed psychologists and one public member. The
3 state committee of psychologists existing on August 28, 1989, is abolished. Nothing in this
4 section shall be construed to prevent the appointment of any current member of the state

5 committee of psychologists to the new state committee of psychologists created on August 28,
6 1989.

7 2. Appointments to the committee shall be made by the governor upon the
8 recommendations of the director of the division, upon the advice and consent of the senate. The
9 division, prior to submitting nominations, shall solicit nominees from professional psychological
10 associations and licensed psychologists in the state. The term of office for committee members
11 shall be five years, and committee members shall not serve more than ten years. No person who
12 has previously served on the committee for ten years shall be eligible for appointment. In
13 making initial appointments to the committee, the governor shall stagger the terms of the
14 appointees so that two members serve initial terms of two years, two members serve initial terms
15 of three years, and two members serve initial terms of four years.

16 3. Each committee member shall be a resident of the state of Missouri for one year, shall
17 be a United States citizen, and shall, other than the public member, have been licensed as a
18 psychologist in this state for at least three years. Committee members shall reflect a diversity
19 of practice specialties. To ensure adequate representation of the diverse fields of psychology,
20 the committee shall consist of at least two psychologists who are engaged full time in the
21 doctoral teaching and training of psychologists, and at least two psychologists who are engaged
22 full time in the professional practice of psychology. In addition, the first appointment to the
23 committee shall include at least one psychologist who shall be licensed on the basis of a master's
24 degree who shall serve a full term of five years. Nothing in sections 337.010 to 337.090 shall
25 be construed to prohibit full membership rights on the committee for psychologists licensed on
26 the basis of a master's degree. If a member of the committee shall, during the member's term as
27 a committee member, remove the member's domicile from the state of Missouri, then the
28 committee shall immediately notify the director of the division, and the seat of that committee
29 member shall be declared vacant. All such vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the
30 governor with the advice and consent of the senate, and the member so appointed shall serve for
31 the unexpired term of the member whose seat has been declared vacant.

32 4. The public member shall be at the time of the public member's appointment a citizen
33 of the United States; a resident of this state for a period of one year and a registered voter; a
34 person who is not and never was a member of any profession licensed or regulated pursuant to
35 sections 337.010 to 337.093 or the spouse of such person; and a person who does not have and
36 never has had a material, financial interest in either the providing of the professional services
37 regulated by sections 337.010 to 337.093, or an activity or organization directly related to any
38 profession licensed or regulated pursuant to sections 337.010 to 337.093. The duties of the
39 public member shall not include the determination of the technical requirements to be met for

40 licensure or whether any person meets such technical requirements or of the technical
41 competence or technical judgment of a licensee or a candidate for licensure.

42 5. The committee shall hold a regular annual meeting at which it shall select from among
43 its members a chairperson and a secretary. A quorum of the committee shall consist of a
44 majority of its members. In the absence of the chairperson, the secretary shall conduct the office
45 of the chairperson.

46 6. Each member of the committee shall receive, as compensation, an amount set by the
47 division not to exceed fifty dollars for each day devoted to the affairs of the committee and shall
48 be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of
49 the member's official duties.

50 7. Staff for the committee shall be provided by the director of the division of professional
51 registration.

52 8. The governor may remove any member of the committee for misconduct, inefficiency,
53 incompetency, or neglect of office.

54 9. In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in sections 337.010 to 337.090, the
55 division may adopt rules and regulations, not otherwise inconsistent with sections 337.010 to
56 337.090, to carry out the provisions of sections 337.010 to 337.090. The committee may
57 promulgate, by rule, "Ethical Rules of Conduct" governing the practices of psychology which
58 rules shall be based upon the ethical principles promulgated and published by the American
59 Psychological Association.

60 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
61 promulgated to administer and enforce sections 337.010 to 337.090, shall become effective only
62 if the agency has fully complied with all of the requirements of chapter 536 including but not
63 limited to section 536.028 if applicable, after August 28, 1998. All rulemaking authority
64 delegated prior to August 28, 1998, is of no force and effect and repealed as of August 28, 1998,
65 however nothing in this act shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule adopted
66 and promulgated prior to August 28, 1998. If the provisions of section 536.028 apply, the
67 provisions of this section are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
68 assembly pursuant to section 536.028 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and
69 annul a rule or portion of a rule are held unconstitutional or invalid, the purported grant of
70 rulemaking authority and any rule so proposed and contained in the order of rulemaking shall be
71 invalid and void, except that nothing in this act shall affect the validity of any rule adopted and
72 promulgated prior to August 28, 1998.

73 11. The committee may sue and be sued in its official name, and shall have a seal which
74 shall be affixed to all certified copies or records and papers on file, and to such other instruments
75 as the committee may direct. All courts shall take judicial notice of such seal. Copies of records

76 and proceedings of the committee, and of all papers on file with the division on behalf of the
77 committee certified under the seal shall be received as evidence in all courts of record.

78 12. When applying for a renewal of a license pursuant to section 337.030, each licensed
79 psychologist shall submit proof of the completion of at least forty hours of continuing education
80 credit within the two-year period immediately preceding the date of the application for renewal
81 of the license, **with a minimum of three of the forty hours of continuing education dedicated**
82 **to professional ethics.** The type of continuing education to be considered shall include, but not
83 be limited to:

84 (1) Attending recognized educational seminars, the content of which are primarily
85 psychological, as defined by rule;

86 (2) Attending a graduate level course at a recognized educational institution where the
87 contents of which are primarily psychological, as defined by rule;

88 (3) Presenting a recognized educational seminar, the contents of which are primarily
89 psychological, as defined by rule;

90 (4) Presenting a graduate level course at a recognized educational institution where the
91 contents of which are primarily psychological, as defined by rule; and

92 (5) Independent course of studies, the contents of which are primarily psychological,
93 which have been approved by the committee and defined by rule.

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95 The committee shall determine by administrative rule the amount of training, instruction, self-
96 instruction or teaching that shall be counted as an hour of continuing education credit.

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