

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2597

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 337.503, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to professional counselors.

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

Section A. Section 337.503, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.503, to read as follows:

337.503. No official, employee, board, commission, county, municipality, school district, agency of the state, or any other political subdivision thereof shall discriminate between persons licensed under sections 337.500 to 337.540 [when promulgating regulations] **and other mental health professionals licensed under this chapter in their regulations, laws, or enactments** or [when] **in** requiring or recommending services that legally may be performed by persons licensed under sections 337.500 to 337.540. **To the extent that any discrimination adverse to persons licensed under sections 337.500 to 337.540 is in effect on August 28, 2016, such discrimination is invalid and persons licensed under sections 337.500 to 337.540 shall be treated the same as any other class of professionals licensed under this chapter receiving the most favorable treatment.**

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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.