

1 AN ACT relating to occupational licensure.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 335B IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 to 3 of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:*

6 *(1) "Default" means the failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in*
7 *the promissory note;*

8 *(2) "Delinquency" means the failure to make loan payments when they are due;*

9 *(3) "License" means any license, permit, certificate, registration, or other means*
10 *required to engage in an occupation that is granted or issued by the*
11 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, its agents, or political subdivisions before a person*
12 *may pursue, practice, or engage in any occupation;*

13 *(4) "Licensing authority" means the person, board, commission, or department of*
14 *the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its agencies, or political subdivisions,*
15 *responsible by law for the licensing of persons for occupations;*

16 *(5) "Scholarship" means an award of financial aid for a student to further the*
17 *student's education; and*

18 *(6) "Student loan" means a federally-guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the*
19 *purposes of postsecondary education.*

20 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 335B IS CREATED TO
21 READ AS FOLLOWS:

22 *(1) For any person who is in default or delinquent in the payment of his or her*
23 *student loan;*

24 *(a) The licensing authority that governs the person's occupation shall not*
25 *suspend or revoke the license it has issued to that person solely on the basis*
26 *of the default or delinquency; and*

27 *(b) That person is encouraged to contact the appropriate student loan servicer*

1 to establish a voluntary pay agreement for the student loan.
2 **(2) For any person who is in default or delinquent in satisfying the requirements of**
3 his or her work-conditional scholarship, the licensing authority that governs the
4 person's occupation shall not suspend or revoke the license it has issued to that
5 person solely on the basis of the default or delinquency.

6 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 335B IS CREATED TO
7 READ AS FOLLOWS:

8 **The purpose of Sections 1 to 3 of this Act is to ensure that hard-working Americans**
9 **keep their occupational licenses while struggling to pay off student loan debt, keeping**
10 **them out of welfare, out of poverty, and in the workforce.**

11 ➔Section 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall be known and may be cited as the
12 "Keep Americans Working Act of 2019."