

1 AN ACT relating to apprenticeships.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 343 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:*

6 *(a) "Apprenticeship" means a program that meets the federal guidelines*
7 *established in 29 C.F.R. pt. 29 and 29 U.S.C. sec. 50;*

8 *(b) "Licensing" means any required training, education, or fee to work in a*
9 *specific profession; and*

10 *(c) "Licensing authority" means an agency, examining board, credentialing*
11 *board, or other office with the authority to impose occupational fees or*
12 *licensing requirements for any profession.*

13 *(2) A licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who:*

14 *(a) Completes an apprenticeship approved by the Department of Workplace*
15 *Standards in the Labor Department or otherwise permitted under state or*
16 *federal law; and*

17 *(b) Passes an examination, if deemed necessary by the licensing authority.*
18 *The apprenticeship required in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be*
19 *completed under a state-licensed practitioner of the occupation or at a state-*
20 *licensed school.*

21 *(3) (a) A licensing authority shall establish a passing score for its examinations,*
22 *which shall not exceed the passing score that is required under its standard*
23 *licensing processes.*

24 *(b) If the relevant licensing authority or statute does not require an*
25 *examination for the standard licensing process for an occupation, an*
26 *examination shall not be required for an applicant who completes an*
27 *apprenticeship in that occupation.*

- 1 (4) When it does not conflict with federal law, apprenticeships for an occupation
2 shall not be required to exceed the number of hours required by the relevant
3 licensing authority or statute for that occupation.
- 4 (5) The relevant licensing authority shall promulgate administrative regulations
5 necessary to implement this section.
- 6 (6) This section shall not apply to occupations that require professional degrees.