

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 39/HCS 1**

Beginning on page 1, line 3, to page 4, line 17, delete Sections 1 to 4 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"➔Section 1. KRS 309.312 is amended to read as follows:

(1) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an interpreter, the applicant shall submit an application which includes:

- (a) An application fee; and
- (b) Current certification from a nationally recognized organization at the requisite level for sign language interpreters, oral interpreters, or cued speech transliterators as determined by the board and promulgated by administrative regulation.

(2) (a) To be eligible for an educational K-12 license from the board as an interpreter working in K-12 educational settings, the applicant shall submit an application that includes:

- 1. An application fee; and
- 2. Current certification, assessment, or evaluation at the requisite level for sign language interpreters, oral interpreters, or cued speech transliterators working in K-12 educational settings as determined by the board and promulgated by administrative regulation.

(b) This subsection shall have no impact on the eligibility of an interpreter licensed

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under subsection (1) of this section to practice in an educational setting.

(3) The board shall issue an interpreter license **or educational K-12 license** to an applicant who fulfills these requirements. The front of the license shall clearly list all certifications held by the licensee.

~~**(4)**~~~~**(3)**~~ The board may issue a temporary license as an interpreter to an applicant who is certified at a level below that required for licensure in subsection (1) of this section. A temporary license shall be available for a person who is training under the supervision of a licensed interpreter under circumstances defined by the board in administrative regulation. A temporary license is valid for only a certain period until the licensee achieves the minimum level of certification required for licensure under subsection (1) of this section. A temporary license is not renewable although extensions may be granted under circumstances defined by administrative regulation.

(a) For graduates of a baccalaureate interpreter training program, a temporary license shall be valid for up to one (1) year.

(b) For graduates of an associate of arts interpreter training program, a temporary license shall be valid for up to two (2) years.

(c) For nondegree applicants, a temporary license shall be valid for up to two (2) years.

~~**(5)**~~~~**(4)**~~ Upon payment of the application fee, the board shall grant licensure to an applicant holding a valid license, certificate, or equivalent issued by another state if it is based upon standards equivalent to or exceeding the standards required by KRS 309.300 to 309.319.

➔Section 2. KRS 309.314 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Each person licensed as an interpreter shall annually, on or before July 1, submit to the board current proof of nationally recognized certification, **or proof required by subsection (2)(a)2. of Section 1 of this Act,** and pay a fee for the renewal of the interpreter **or educational K-12** license. The amount of the fee shall be promulgated by administrative

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regulation of the board. All licenses not renewed by July 1 of each year shall expire.

- (2) A sixty (60) day grace period shall be allowed after July 1, during which time individuals may continue to practice and may renew their licenses upon payment of the renewal fee plus a late renewal fee as promulgated by administrative regulation of the board.
- (3) All licenses not renewed by August 31 shall terminate based on the failure of the individual to renew in a timely manner. Upon termination, the licensee is no longer eligible to practice in the Commonwealth.
- (4) After the sixty (60) day grace period, but before five (5) years from the date of termination, individuals with a terminated license may have their licenses reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee plus a reinstatement fee as promulgated by administrative regulation of the board.
- (5) A suspended license is subject to expiration and termination and may be renewed as provided in KRS 309.300 to 309.319. Renewal shall not entitle the licensee to engage in the practice of interpreting until the suspension has ended or is otherwise removed by the board and the right to practice is restored by the board.
- (6) A revoked license is subject to expiration and termination but shall not be renewed. If it is reinstated, the licensee shall pay the reinstatement fee as set forth in subsection (4) of this section and the renewal fee as set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
- (7) The board may require that a person applying for renewal or reinstatement of licensure show evidence of completion of continuing education as prescribed by the board by administrative regulation."