

1 AN ACT relating to licensed occupations.

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 *(1) Each licensing authority listed in subsection (4) of this section shall collect the*
6 *following data using a data collection application, during the annual, biennial, or*
7 *triennial licensure renewal process:*

8 *(a) Licensee's personal information, including but not limited to:*

- 9 *1. The licensee's first, middle, and last name;*
- 10 *2. Email address and phone number;*
- 11 *3. Physical address of all practice locations;*
- 12 *4. License type;*
- 13 *5. License number and date of issuance;*
- 14 *6. License expiration; and*
- 15 *7. National Provider Identifier number; and*

16 *(b) Workforce participation information, including but not limited to:*

- 17 *1. Degree level or certificates completed;*
- 18 *2. Employment type;*
- 19 *3. Employment specialty;*
- 20 *4. Employment setting;*
- 21 *5. Employment status, including but not limited to:*
 - 22 *a. Actively employed in respective field;*
 - 23 *b. Actively employed in a clinical setting, either in person or*
24 *through telehealth, or both;*
 - 25 *c. Actively employed outside of respective field;*
 - 26 *d. Unemployed but seeking work in respective field; or*
 - 27 *e. Unemployed but not seeking work in respective field;*

- 1 **6. Reason for unemployment; and**
2 **7. Ability to meet patient needs of those covered under the Federal**
3 **Americans with Disabilities Act.**

4 **(2) Data collected in subsection (1) of this section shall not include a licensee's**
5 **Social Security number.**

6 **(3) Licensees may notify the licensing authority if the licensee wishes to decline the**
7 **use of data collected in subsection (1)(a) of this section to be made available to**
8 **other employers or agencies for free or for purchase.**

9 **(4) The following licensing authorities are subject to the requirements of this section:**

10 **(a) Professional licensure boards as defined in KRS 211.332;**

11 **(b) Kentucky Board for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy established in**
12 **KRS 311B.030;**

13 **(c) State Board of Podiatry established in KRS 311.410; and**

14 **(d) Kentucky Department for Public Health, in regards to community health**
15 **workers certified under KRS 309.462.**

16 **(5) Each licensing authority listed in subsection (4) of this section shall report as**
17 **necessary, and upon request, the data collected in subsection (1) of this section to**
18 **the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics established in KRS 151B.132 and**
19 **the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for workforce capacity and workforce**
20 **reporting and tracking purposes.**

21 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 335.300 TO 335.399 IS CREATED
22 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 **(1) The board shall grant licensure under KRS 335.330 to an applicant who:**

24 **(a) Holds an active license from another state to practice as an independent**
25 **marriage and family therapist;**

26 **(b) Is in good standing with the certifying or licensing board of that state;**

27 **(c) Is of good moral character;**

- 1 **(d) Has not had disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought against him or**
2 **her by a registration, certification, or licensing board or agency;**
- 3 **(e) Has met the examination requirement set out in KRS 335.330(3); and**
4 **(f) Has paid the application fee to the board.**
- 5 **(2) The applicant shall be exempt from:**
- 6 **(a) The required education set out in KRS 335.330(1); and**
7 **(b) The required hours of supervised experience in the practice of marriage and**
8 **family therapy set out in KRS 335.330(2).**
- 9 **(3) If the board identifies any technical error in the application:**
- 10 **(a) The board shall notify the applicant of the error within one (1) week of its**
11 **discovery;**
- 12 **(b) The applicant shall correct the error within two (2) weeks; and**
13 **(c) The board shall review the correction within one (1) week of the submitted**
14 **correction.**
- 15 **(4) The board shall issue the license within two (2) weeks of the date the application**
16 **is complete.**

17 ➔Section 3. Each licensing authority required to collect data in Section 1 of this
18 Act shall have until the licensing authority's next licensure renewal date following the
19 effective date of this Act to comply.

20 ➔Section 4. Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2027.