

Keep Americans Working Model Bill

(A) Short Title. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Keep Americans Working Act of 2019.”

(B) Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that hard-working Americans can keep their occupational licenses while struggling to pay off student loan debt, keeping them out of welfare, out of poverty, and in the workforce.

(C) Definitions.

- (1) “State Authority” shall mean any Board Agency, Department of the State with the authority to grant professional license, certificate, registration, or permit to any person.
- (2) “Default” shall mean the failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.
- (3) “Delinquency” shall mean the failure to make loan payments when they are due.
- (4) “License” shall mean any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit granted by the authority of the State Board, Agency, or Department.
- (5) “Scholarship” shall mean an award of financial aid for a student to further their education.
- (6) “Student loan” shall mean a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the purposes of post-secondary education.

(D) Student Loans. For any person who is in default or delinquent in the payment of their student loans:

- (1) The State Authority shall not be authorized to suspend or revoke the license it has issued to any person who is in default or delinquent in the payment of their student loans solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.

(E) Scholarships. For any person who is default or delinquent in satisfying the requirements of their work-conditional scholarship:

- (1) The State Authority shall not be authorized to suspend or revoke the license it has issued to any person who is in default or delinquent in the satisfaction of the requirements of their work-conditional scholarship solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.