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AN ACT

To repeal sections 168.071, 375.091, 375.141 and 484.190, RSMo 2000, relating to certain licensed professionals who are in default on student loans, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 168.071, 375.091, 375.141 and 484.190, RSMo 2000, are repealed
2 and seven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 168.071, 173.117,
3 375.091, 375.141, 484.190, 484.280 and 620.143, to read as follows:

168.071. 1. The Missouri state board of education may refuse to issue or renew, or may
2 suspend or revoke a certificate of license to teach upon satisfactory proof of incompetency,
3 cruelty, immorality, drunkenness, neglect of duty, or the annulling of a written contract for
4 reasons other than election to the general assembly, with the local board of education without
5 the consent of the majority of the members of the board which is a party to the contract. Charges
6 may be filed by any school district or, at the request of the school district, by the office of the
7 attorney general if the school district has been identified as financially stressed pursuant to
8 section 161.520, RSMo. If the underlying conduct or actions which are the basis for charges
9 filed [under] **pursuant to** this subsection are also the subject of a pending criminal charge
10 against the person holding such certificate, and that person requests in writing a delayed hearing
11 on advice of counsel under the fifth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, no
12 hearing shall be held until after final disposition of the criminal charge.

13 2. The state board of education may refuse to issue or renew, or may, upon hearing,
14 suspend or revoke a certificate of license to teach if a certificate holder or applicant for a

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

15 certificate has pleaded to or been found guilty of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude
16 under the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States, or any other country,
17 whether or not the sentence is imposed.

18 3. The certificate of license to teach shall be revoked or, in the case of an applicant, a
19 certificate shall not be issued, if the certificate holder or applicant has pleaded guilty to or been
20 found guilty of any of the following offenses established pursuant to Missouri law or offenses
21 of a similar nature established under the laws of any other state or of the United States, or any
22 other country, whether or not the sentence is imposed:

23 (1) Any dangerous felony as defined in section 556.061, RSMo, or murder in the first
24 degree;

25 (2) Any of the following sexual offenses: rape; statutory rape in the first degree;
26 statutory rape in the second degree; sexual assault; forcible sodomy; statutory sodomy in the first
27 degree; statutory sodomy in the second degree; child molestation in the first degree; child
28 molestation in the second degree; deviate sexual assault; sexual misconduct involving a child;
29 sexual misconduct in the first degree; or sexual abuse;

30 (3) Any of the following offenses against the family and related offenses: incest;
31 abandonment of child in the first degree; abandonment of child in the second degree;
32 endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree; abuse of a child; child used in a sexual
33 performance; promoting sexual performance by a child; or trafficking in children; and

34 (4) Any of the following offenses involving child pornography and related offenses:
35 promoting obscenity in the first degree; promoting child pornography in the first degree;
36 promoting obscenity in the second degree when the penalty is enhanced to a class D felony;
37 promoting child pornography in the second degree; possession of child pornography; furnishing
38 pornographic materials to minors; coercing acceptance of obscene material; or sale or rental to
39 persons under seventeen.

40 4. The certificate holder whose certificate was revoked pursuant to subsection 3 of this
41 section may appeal such revocation to the state board of education. The certificate holder whose
42 certificate has been revoked pursuant to subsection 3 of this section must notify the
43 commissioner of education of the intent to appeal by advising the commissioner within thirty
44 days of the certificate holder's plea of guilty or finding of guilt of the intent to appeal. Failure
45 of the certificate holder to notify the commissioner of the intent to appeal waives all rights to
46 appeal [said] **such** revocation. Upon notice of the certificate holder's intent to appeal, an appeal
47 hearing shall be held by a hearing officer designated by the commissioner of education, with the
48 final decision made by the state board of education, based upon the record of that hearing. The
49 certificate holder shall be given not less than thirty days' notice of the hearing, and an opportunity
50 to be heard by the hearing officer, together with witnesses. In those cases where the plea of guilty

51 to or finding of guilt of any of the offenses listed in subsection 3 of this section involve a minor
52 child, testimony from the minor child involved in the complaint shall not be required. The
53 hearing officer shall accept into the record the transcript of any testimony of a child involved in
54 such offense if such testimony was admitted in any court hearing. Subsection 6 of this section
55 shall apply to any final decision made by the state board of education pursuant to this subsection.

56 5. The charges filed with the state board of education [under] **pursuant to** this section
57 shall be in writing and plainly and fully specify the basis for the charges. The charges shall be
58 signed by the chief administrative officer of the district or by the president of the board of
59 education when so authorized by a majority of the board. The certificate holder shall be given
60 not less than thirty days' notice of the hearing, and an opportunity to be heard, together with
61 witnesses.

62 6. The certificate holder may appeal to the circuit court at any time within thirty days
63 after receipt of the final decision of the state board of education. The appeal shall be heard with
64 a jury at the option of either the certificate holder or the party filing the charges, and shall be tried
65 de novo, affirming or denying the action of the state board of education. Costs shall be taxed
66 against the appellant if the judgment of the state board of education is affirmed. In those cases
67 where the charges allege immorality by the certificate holder involving a minor child, such case
68 shall be heard by the court without a jury and any testimony from the minor child involved in the
69 complaint shall be taken directly from the hearing record taken on behalf of the state board of
70 education.

71 7. The issuance of a certificate of license to teach to an individual who has been
72 convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude shall be issued only upon motion of the
73 state board of education adopted by a unanimous affirmative vote of those members present and
74 voting.

75 **8. The state board of education shall refuse to issue or renew, and shall suspend or**
76 **revoke, any certificate of license to teach upon satisfactory proof that the person is in**
77 **default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher**
78 **education and has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of**
79 **the loan as determined by the department of higher education pursuant to section 173.117,**
80 **RSMo. The state board of education shall not refuse to issue or renew, nor shall the state**
81 **board suspend or revoke, a certificate of license to teach to a person pursuant to this**
82 **subsection for failure to make satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment**
83 **of a student loan administered by the department of higher education, if the most recent**
84 **notice from the department of higher education, provided pursuant to section 173.117,**
85 **RSMo, states that the person has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary**
86 **repayment.**

173.117. 1. The department of higher education shall provide to the director of the division of professional registration, the state board of education, the clerk of the supreme court and the director of the department of insurance the name of any person who is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education and who has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment. Such notice shall be provided within sixty days of the determination.

2. The department of higher education shall, within sixty days of the effective date of this section, provide to the director of the division of professional registration, the state board of education, the clerk of the supreme court and the director of the department of insurance the name of every person who is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education on and after the effective date of this section and who has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.

3. The department of higher education shall promulgate by rule a procedure for determining when a person in default on a student loan has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of the loan. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department pursuant to this section may appeal such decision, and a hearing on such appeal shall be made as provided in section 173.115.

4. The department of higher education is authorized to garnish any state payment to a person who is in default on the repayment of a student loan administered by the department, including, but not limited to, state income tax refunds and lottery winnings.

5. The department of higher education shall provide to the director of the division of professional registration, the state board of education, the clerk of the supreme court and the director of the department of insurance the name of any person who has made satisfactory arrangements pursuant to subsection 3 of this section to ensure the repayment of a loan on which that person is in default within sixty days of the department's determination that such person has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.

375.091. 1. Any license required by this chapter shall be issued to any person who is at least eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States, and who is trustworthy and competent to act, and intends to hold himself **or herself** out in good faith as an insurance broker, and the license is not sought principally for the purpose of soliciting, negotiating or procuring insurance contracts covering [himself or his] **such person or the person's** spouse or insurance on property owned by the applicant.

2. No license required by this chapter shall be issued to any person who is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education and has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of the loan as

10 **determined by the department of higher education pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo. No**
11 **person shall be denied any license required by this chapter for failure to make satisfactory**
12 **arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of a student loan administered by the**
13 **department of higher education, if the most recent notice from the department of higher**
14 **education, provided pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo, states that the person has made**
15 **satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.**

375.141. 1. The director may revoke or suspend, for such period as he or she may
2 determine, any license of any insurance agent, agency or broker if it is determined as provided
3 by sections 621.045 to 621.198, RSMo, that the licensee or applicant has, at any time, or if an
4 insurance agency, the officers, owners or managers thereof have:

5 (1) In their dealings as an agent, broker or insurance agency, knowingly violated any
6 provisions of, or any obligation imposed by, the laws of this state, department of insurance rules
7 and regulations, or aided, abetted or knowingly allowed any insurance agent or insurance broker
8 acting in behalf of an insurance agency to violate such laws, orders, rules or regulations which
9 result in the revocation or suspension of the agent's or broker's license notwithstanding the same
10 may provide for separate penalties;

11 (2) Obtained or attempted to obtain license by fraud, misrepresentation or made a
12 material misstatement in the application for license;

13 (3) Been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude;

14 (4) Demonstrated lack of trustworthiness or competence;

15 (5) Misappropriated or converted to his, her or its own use or illegally withheld money
16 belonging to an insurance company, its agent, or to an insured or beneficiary or prospective
17 insurance buyer;

18 (6) Practiced or aided or abetted in the practice of fraud, forgery, deception, collusion
19 or conspiracy in connection with any insurance transaction;

20 (7) Acted as an insurance agency through persons not licensed as insurance agents or
21 insurance brokers;

22 (8) Acted as an insurance agent, insurance agency, or insurance broker when not licensed
23 as such;

24 (9) Had revoked or suspended any insurance license by another state;

25 (10) Committed unfair practices as defined in section 375.936;

26 (11) Sought the license for the primary purpose of soliciting, negotiating or procuring
27 insurance contracts covering himself or herself or his or her family or insurance on property
28 owned by his or her employer or any person who is employed by him or her or by a corporation,
29 partnership or association of which he or she shall own or control a majority of the voting stock
30 or a controlling interest;

31 (12) Is a legal resident of another state, licensed pursuant to section 375.017 or 375.126,
32 which other state does not allow legal residents of Missouri to obtain a license to act as an agent
33 or broker and to transact the business of solicitation of, negotiation for, or procurement or
34 making of, insurance or annuity contracts;

35 (13) Owned or operated an insurance business in this state if the agent, broker or agency
36 knew, or should have known, that the result was, or was likely to have been, an illegal placement
37 of insurance with an unauthorized "multiple employer self-insured health plan" as that term is
38 defined in section 376.1000, RSMo, or the subsequent servicing of an insurance policy illegally
39 placed with an unauthorized multiple employer self-insured health plan.

40 2. **The director shall not issue or renew any license to any insurance agent or**
41 **broker if such person is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the**
42 **department of higher education and has not made satisfactory arrangement to ensure**
43 **voluntary repayment of the loan as determined by the department of higher education**
44 **pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo. The director may issue or renew any license which**
45 **was denied or not renewed pursuant to this subsection, if the most recent notice from the**
46 **department of higher education, provided pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo, states that**
47 **the person has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.**

48 3. The director may refuse to issue any license to any insurance agent, agency or broker
49 if he or she determines that the licensee or applicant has, at any time, or if an insurance agency,
50 the officers, owners or managers thereof have violated any of the provisions set out in subsection
51 1 of this section.

52 [3.] 4. Every agent or broker licensed in this state shall notify the director, in writing,
53 within thirty days, of any change in his or her residence address, and any agency licensed in this
54 state shall notify the director, in writing, within thirty days, of any change in its business address.
55 If the failure to notify the director of such change in address results in an inability to serve an
56 agent, broker or agency with a complaint as provided by sections 621.045 to 621.198, RSMo,
57 then the director may immediately revoke the license of [said] **such** agent, broker or agency until
58 such time as service may be obtained.

59 [4.] 5. The director may also revoke or suspend [under] **pursuant to** subsection 1 of this
60 section any license issued by the director where the licensee has failed to renew or has
61 surrendered such license.

484.190. Any attorney or counselor at law may be removed or suspended from practice
2 in the courts of this state for any of the following reasons:

3 (1) If [he be] **the attorney** is convicted of any criminal offense involving moral
4 turpitude;

5 (2) If [he] **the attorney** unlawfully [retain his] **retains the attorney's** client's money or

6 if [he] **the attorney** is guilty of any malpractice, fraud, deceit or misdemeanor whatsoever in
7 [his] **the attorney's** professional capacity;

8 (3) If [he] **the attorney** shall have been removed, suspended or disbarred from the
9 practice of law in any other state or jurisdiction and shall fail to disclose such fact in [his] **the**
10 **attorney's** application for license to practice law in this state[.];

11 (4) **If the attorney avoids in bad faith the repayment of any student loan guaranteed**
12 **by the department of higher education; provided that while the lawful discharge of a**
13 **student loan in bankruptcy proceeding shall not constitute bad faith pursuant to this**
14 **section, such discharge shall not preclude a review of the attorney's conduct to determine**
15 **if it constitutes bad faith.**

484.280. 1. The board of law examiners shall not permit any person to take the bar
2 examination if such person is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed
3 by the department of higher education and has not made satisfactory arrangement to
4 ensure voluntary repayment of the loan as determined by the department of higher
5 education pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo. No person shall be denied permission to
6 take the bar examination pursuant to this section if the most recent notice from the
7 department of higher education, provided pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo, states that
8 the person has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.

9 2. No person shall be admitted to the Missouri Bar if such person is in default on
10 the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education and
11 has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of the loan as
12 determined by the department of higher education pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo. No
13 person shall be denied eligibility to apply for admission to the Missouri Bar pursuant to
14 this section if the most recent notice from the department of higher education, provided
15 pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo, states that the person has made satisfactory
16 arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.

17 3. No attorney shall be permitted to pay the annual enrollment fee required by
18 renewal of a license to practice law pursuant to supreme court rule 6.01 if such attorney
19 is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher
20 education and has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of
21 the loan as determined by the department of higher education pursuant to section 173.117,
22 RSMo, and in such case the attorney shall be automatically suspended. Any attorney thus
23 suspended for failure to make satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment
24 of a student loan shall be retroactively reinstated as a matter of course upon receipt of the
25 supreme court of notice from the department of higher education, provided pursuant to
26 section 173.117, RSMo, stating that the attorney has made satisfactory arrangements to

27 ensure voluntary repayment. No attorney shall be prohibited from paying the annual
28 enrollment fee required by supreme court rule 6.01 if the most recent notice from the
29 department of higher education, provided pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo, states that
30 the attorney has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.

31 4. It shall be considered professional misconduct for an attorney to avoid in bad
32 faith the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education;
33 except that, the lawful discharge of a student loan in a bankruptcy proceeding, if such a
34 discharge is permitted, shall not constitute bad faith. Such discharge shall not preclude
35 a review of the attorney's conduct to determine if the attorney's conduct constitutes bad
36 faith.

620.143. 1. The director of the division of professional registration shall notify each
2 board and commission in the division of the name of every person regulated by such board
3 or commission who is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the
4 department of higher education and shall also notify each board and commission in the
5 division of the name of every person regulated by such board or commission who has made
6 satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of a student loan on which that
7 person is in default within thirty days of receiving such notice from the department
8 pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo.

9 2. The director of the division of professional registration shall maintain as a part
10 of the registry of licensees established pursuant to section 620.145, a special indicator
11 which shows the status of the licensee with regard to repayment of student loans
12 administered by the department of higher education.

13 3. No board or commission in the division of professional registration shall grant
14 any license or license renewal to any person if that person is in default on the repayment
15 of any student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education and has not made
16 satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of the loan as determined by the
17 department of higher education pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo.

18 4. No board or commission in the division of professional registration shall deny,
19 pursuant to this section, any license or license renewal to any person in default on any
20 student loan guaranteed by the department of higher education if the most recent notice
21 from the department of higher education, provided pursuant to section 173.117, RSMo,
22 states that the person has made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment.