

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 423**

**2019 Regular Session**

**Emerson**

LICENSING: Repeals the ability of a professional board or commission to revoke an occupational or professional license for failure to pay student loans

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that being delinquent with a student loan payment or in default according to the terms of a student loan shall not be grounds for the denial of an application for, or application for renewal of, a occupational or professional license.
2. Provides that the being delinquent with a student loan payment or in default according to the terms of a student loan shall not be grounds for the suspension of an occupational or professional license.
3. Provides that proposed law is not an authorization for nonpayment or delay of repayment of a student loan.
4. Provides for definitions.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that a certifying licensing agency or board shall deny an application or an application for renewal of, any license, permit, or certificate for defaulting on certain student loans guaranteed by the special commission.

Present law provides that an applicant who has defaulted on certain student loans may have his license denied or issued conditionally upon complying with the repayment requirement of the loan.

Present law provides that the licensing agency or board has the authority to make determinations on the applicant's license based on recommendations by the special commission.

Present law requires the licensing agency or board to notify the special commission of their recommendation in denying or issuing a conditional license to an applicant.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that being delinquent with a student loan payment or in default according to the terms of a student loan shall not be grounds for the denial of an initial application or an application for the renewal, or for suspension of any license, permit, or certificate required by the state or a political subdivision of the state for a conditional license, permit, or certificate required in order to practice or engage in a trade, occupation, or profession.

Proposed law provides that proposed law is not an authorization for nonpayment or delay of repayment of a student loan.

Proposed law defines "default" as the failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

Proposed law defines "delinquent" as the failure to make loan payments when they are due.

Proposed law defines "license" as any license, permit, certificate, registration, or other means required to engage in an occupation that is granted or issued by the state, its agencies, or political subdivisions responsible by law for the licensing of persons or occupations before a person may pursue, practice, or engage in any occupation.

Proposed law defines "student loan" as a federally guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the purposes of post-secondary education.

(Adds R.S. 37:2951.1; Repeals R.S. 37:2951)