

# Senate committee passes provisional medical license bill

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David Michael Hargis

**Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, speaks last Wednesday on Senate Bill 137 during a Senate Health Services Committee meeting.**

In a bid to lessen Kentucky's medical doctor shortage, a bill that received approval last Wednesday from the Senate Health Services Committee would eliminate a duplicative residency requirement for international doctors to practice in the state.

Senate Bill 137's sponsor, Committee Chair Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, said the shortage is pronounced in rural communities where 42% of Kentuckians live, but only 17% of the state's primary care physicians reside.

"What we're attempting to do is address a problem that is serious and will become more serious in the future. It's projected by 2030 that we're going to have a shortage of almost 3,000 physicians in the state of Kentucky," he said.

Meredith said the bill isn't a total solution to the problem, but a big step in the right direction. He said the state's Medicaid spending has grown from \$10 billion in 2017 to more than \$20 billion today. A top priority is getting enough practitioners so that people have access to care, he said.

Joshua Reynolds, policy analyst for Cicero Action, said that under current law, Kentucky requires international physicians to complete residency in the United States even if they have completed a residency elsewhere. Senate Bill 137 would remove this duplicative requirement, he said.

Over the last five years, international medical graduates filled 237 — approximately 12% — of the state's residency slots, Reynolds said.

"Many of these physicians did not need to repeat post graduate education, and allowing these internationally trained physicians who have already completed residency and worked for a number of years in the country of licensing, will allow them to immediately address the physician shortage in Kentucky and open up more of these slots for U.S. medical graduates," he said.

Reynolds said there are many safeguards in the bill to ensure that access to care is increased and quality won't be decreased.

Under SB 137, doctors would have to complete English proficiency requirements, be graduates of a foreign medical school and have completed a foreign residency program or alternatively, graduate from a U.S. medical school and have completed a foreign residency program.

They must also have at least five years of work experience as a physician fully licensed in their country of licensing and be in good standing with the licensing authority of that country, he said.

Reynolds said candidates need to be certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, pass exams required by the Kentucky board and have an employment offer from a sponsor.

Sen. Karen Berg, D-Louisville, who is a physician, said she has

had positive experiences with physicians who were trained outside the United States.

"My experience has been very positive at the university, with foreign medical graduates, the majority of whom, that I know personally came from Germany — extremely well trained. They didn't all do well in this country. I'll be honest. I think out of the three that I worked with, two of them are no longer here," she said.

Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, R-Smithfield, voted against the measure, saying she has concerns about the quality of training some physicians might have. She also said there's the possibility of false licenses.

"I have some concerns with this bill based on a perspective that I bring. I lived for four years in a third-world developing country," she said.

She said a national from the foreign country where she lived performed dental work on her, and she subsequently needed to have surgery in the United States.

Meredith said he worked with physicians from Pakistan, Canada, Lebanon, India and Iran while working as a hospital chief executive officer. He said the credentialing process is not simple.

"And this is radically different from just filling out a job application and wanting to go to work. Credentialing is a very structured process. And bear in mind that no provider wants to expose themselves from a professional liability standpoint and they're not going to take shortcuts. It doesn't make sense to do that," he said.

Sen. Keturah J. Herron, D-Louisville, voted for the measure and said it's important to ensure something is built in for implicit bias training or diversity training at medical facilities.

Sen. Donald Douglas, R-Nicholasville, who is a physician, voted for the measure and voiced concern that physicians seeking to practice in Kentucky might not actually end up working in health care professional shortage areas.

"I think we need to allow the bigger picture in terms of more people in the general assembly to get an opportunity to get a bite of this apple and get comfortable with a bill such as this," he said.

Senate Bill 137 now heads to the full Senate.



Andrew West

**Rep. T.J. Roberts, R-Burlington, (right) speaks on Logan's Law, or House Bill 422, during last Wednesday's House Judiciary Committee meeting. Dean Tipton (center) joined Roberts and Rep. Daniel Fister, R-Versailles, (left) in advocating for the legislation named for his son, Logan.**

# House Judiciary approves Logan's Law

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Logan's Law recently took its first step toward becoming law.

The House Judiciary Committee unanimously

approved House Bill 422, or Logan's Law, after hearing directly from Logan Tipton's father Dean Tipton on the importance of the bill.

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**I, CINDY RHODES, CLERK OF THE BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED IN THE FOLLOWING ESTATES:**

· Aaron Lee Jarboe, 3694 S. HWY 79 Falls of Rough, KY 40119, deceased; Adam Jarboe, 5063 S. Wilson Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, was appointed Administrator on January 5, 2026 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 227 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Roy J. Compton, 4650 HWY 1385, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Stephanie Dicus, 2003 S. HWY 259, Harned, KY 40144, and Roy Glenn Compton, 108 Robbins School House Lane, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, were appointed Co-Executors on January 20, 2026 (No Attorney)

· Grover Matthews, 9743 HWY 105, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Rhonda Drake, P.O. Box 1539, Owensboro, KY 42302, was appointed Administratrix on February 3, 2026. Victoria G. Fentress, 9549 S. HWY 105, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Registered Agent of Service on February 3, 2026 (Attorney: Nicholas Pike Goetz, P.O. Box 1539, Owensboro, KY 42302)

· Alphonso Mucker, 2417 E. HWY 60, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Deontrey Powers-Mucker, 2417 E. HWY 60, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Administrator on February 3, 2026 (Attorney: Stephen G. Hopkins, 107 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Bettye M. Hinton, 138 Swan Lakes Estates Loop, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Ronald Barry Smith, 2322 HWY 2779, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Executor on February 3, 2026 (Attorney: Stephen G. Hopkins, 107 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Penelope Rowe Drake, 9962 HWY 1401, Custer, KY 40115 Deceased; Pamela B. Arnold, 4506 Blenheim Road, Louisville, KY 40207, was appointed Executrix on February 3, 2026 (Attorney: Nikki Armes, P.O. Box 517, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Birdie Lee Teller, 1797 Teller-Haycraft Lane, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Nancy Denton, 1999 Teller-Haycraft Lane, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Executrix on February 10, 2026 (Attorney: Charles C. Mattingly, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· William G. Lemakos, 993 Paul Alexander Lane, Garfield, KY 40140, deceased; Bill Whyte, 26 Reynoir Street, Apt. 2, Biloxi, MS 39530, was appointed Executor on February 10, 2026 (Attorney: Charles C. Mattingly, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Laurie Williams, 2062 HWY 60 West, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Michael E. Coyle, 5066 HWY 60 West, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Administrator February 2, 2026 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 227 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Edward Ray Tucker, 406 Tower Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Linda S. Knowles 6796 Greenview Lane, Englewood, FL 34224, was appointed Executrix on February 2, 2026 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 227 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Ronald West, 661 Church of God Road, Custer, KY 40115, deceased; Rita Briner, 9135 Virginia Heights, Sellersburg, IN 47172, was appointed Executrix on February 10, 2026 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 227 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Cynthia Lynn Morgan, 284 HWY 2780, Webster, KY 40143, deceased; Lilian Mays, 1152 N. HWY 79, Irvington, KY 40146, was appointed Administrator on February 9, 2026 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 227 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Wilma McHolan, 1504 N. HWY 79, Irvington, KY 40146, deceased; Samantha Gail Higdon, 1500 N. HWY 79, Irvington, KY 40146, was appointed Executrix on February 24, 2026 (Attorney: Charles C. Mattingly, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Sandra L. Gedling, 507 E. HWY 144, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Eric Wayne Hendrix, 3225 Five Oaks Place, Louisville, KY 40207, was appointed Executor on 24, 2026 (Attorney: Herbert M. O'Reilly, P.O. Box 539, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)

· Dean McMurphy, 69 Blue Fork Lane, Irvington, KY 40146, deceased; Doreen Belflower, 113 Olive Street, Cocoa, FL 32922, was appointed Executrix on February 24, 2026 (Attorney: David Michael Soutte, 3320 Clays mill Road, Suite 213, Lexington, KY 40503)

**ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF THE ABOVE ESTATES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO PRESENT SAME, PROPERLY VERIFIED ACCORDING TO LAW TO THE ABOVE-NAMED ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR BY SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT**



**COMMISSIONER'S SALE MARCH 16 2026 AT 12:01 P.M. CENTRAL TIME OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR 208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00290**

WILSON A TAPP, PLAINTIFF VS. WESLEY W RUSSELL, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 21, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 16, 2026 at 12:01 p.m. or thereabouts,

offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate of 12.00% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

**Property Address: 1200 Lake of the Woods Loop Hardinsburg, KY 40143 Parcel Identification Number: LWA 56**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$2,495.76 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2025 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

**HERBERT M. O'REILLY MASTER COMMISSIONER POST OFFICE BOX 539 HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY 40143**



**COMMISSIONER'S SALE MARCH 9, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR 208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00186 WILLIAM L. WEATHERHOLT PLAINTIFF VS.**

UNKNOWN heirs, devisees, personal representatives, and assigns of HERMAN CRAVENS, and UNKNOWN heirs, devisees, personal representatives, and assigns of JANIE L. CRAVENS, and COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF BRECKINRIDGE, and COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, CITY OF CLOVERPORT DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 22, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate of 7.25% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

**Property Address: 200 Oak Street, Cloverport, KY 40111 Parcel Identification Number: CP 1-15-1**

Included is a manufactured home, 1999 Cavalier Homes model 5536AB, VIN: ALCA0399560S47293, which has been converted to real estate.

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$113,936.19 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2026 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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**COMMISSIONER'S SALE MARCH 23, 2026 AT 11:00 AM. CENTRAL TIME OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR 208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00287**

JAMES T. PULLEN PLAINTIFF VS. ROBERT C. GIBSON, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

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**Property Address: 7823 Highway 629, Falls of Rough, KY 40119 Parcel Identification Number: 21-22B**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$2,826.22 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2026 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered November 20, 2025 and Order Setting Sale Date entered February 4, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing rate of 12.00% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

**Property Address: 15 West Front Street, Cloverport, Kentucky 40111 Parcel Identification Number: CP 1-23-16A**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$2,645.08 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2025 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 28, 2026 and by Order to Clarify Date of Sale entered February 5, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 16, 2026, at 11:00 am or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing rate of 7.1250% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

**Property Address: 2427 E Highway 60, Harned, Kentucky 40144 Parcel Identification Number: HA 2-3**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$159,987.96 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2025 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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