

**CHAPTER 179****( HB 256 )**

AN ACT relating to the unauthorized practice of law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 524.130 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in KRS 341.470 and subsection (2) of this section, a person is guilty of unlawful practice of law when, without a license issued by the Supreme Court, he *or she* engages in the practice of law, as defined by rule of the Supreme Court.
- (2) A licensed nonresident attorney in good standing, although not licensed in Kentucky, is not guilty of unlawful practice if, in accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Court, he *or she* practices law under specific authorization of a court.
- (3) Unlawful practice of law is:
  - (a) A Class A~~B~~ misdemeanor *for the first offense; and*
  - (b) *A Class D felony for a second or subsequent offense.*

**Signed by Governor April 8, 2022.**