- (9) CONSCIENTIOUSLY SEEKING BUT UNABLE TO FIND FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OVER A SINGLE PERIOD OF UP TO 12 MONTHS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OR THE SECRETARY; OR
- (10) OTHER PERIODS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OR THE SECRETARY.
- (b) (1) Each borrower shall repay the full amount of the loan within a period set by the board.
- [(2) The total payments made by a borrower during any year shall be at least \$360, or the balance of the loan if the balance is less than \$360.
 - (3) The period of repayment may not be:
- (i) Less than 5 years after the repayment begins;
- (ii) Longer than 10 years after the repayment begins; or
- (iii) Longer than 15 years from the date of the note or agreement evidencing the loan.
- (4) Any borrower may accelerate repayment of all or any part of the loan without penalty.]
- (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) BELOW, A LENDER SHALL ALLOW A BORROWER AT LEAST 5 YEARS, BUT NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS, TO REPAY A LOAN, CALCULATED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE REPAYMENT PERIOD. THE BORROWER SHALL FULLY REPAY A LOAN WITHIN 15 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTE OR AGREEMENT EVIDENCING THE LOAN.
- (3) (I) IF THE BORROWER RECEIVES AN AUTHORIZED DEFERMENT OR HAS BEEN GRANTED FORBEARANCE, THE PERIODS OF DEFERMENT OR FORBEARANCE ARE EXCLUDED FROM DETERMINATIONS OF THE 5, 10, AND 15 YEAR PERIODS.
- (II) IF THE MINIMUM ANNUAL REPAYMENT REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (5) WOULD RESULT IN COMPLETE REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN IN LESS THAN 5 YEARS, THE BORROWER IS NOT ENTITLED TO THE FULL 5 YEAR PERIOD. DURING THE GRACE PERIOD, THE BORROWER MAY REQUEST AND BE GRANTED BY THE LENDER A REPAYMENT PERIOD OF LESS THAN 5 YEARS. AT ANY TIME THE BORROWER MAY HAVE THE REPAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS.
- (4) THE BORROWER MAY PREPAY THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF A LOAN AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PENALTY.
- (5) (I) DURING EACH YEAR OF THE REPAYMENT PERIOD, A BORROWER'S PAYMENTS TO ALL HOLDERS OF THE BORROWER'S LOANS SHALL TOTAL AT LEAST \$360 OR THE UNPAID