

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 4.34 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 80/4.34)

7 Sec. 4.34. Acts and Section repealed on January 1, 2024.  
8 The following Acts and Section of an Act are repealed on  
9 January 1, 2024:

10 The Electrologist Licensing Act.

11 The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice  
12 Writer Reporters Act ~~of 1984~~.

13 The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

14 The Illinois Public Accounting Act.

15 The Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private  
16 Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

17 The Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered  
18 Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act.

19 Section 2.5 of the Illinois Plumbing License Law.

20 The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of  
21 2004.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-140, eff. 12-31-13; 98-253, eff. 8-9-13;  
23 98-254, eff. 8-9-13; 98-264, eff. 12-31-13; 98-339, eff.

1 12-31-13; 98-363, eff. 8-16-13; 98-364, eff. 12-31-13; 98-445,  
2 eff. 12-31-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

3 Section 10. The Oaths and Affirmations Act is amended by  
4 changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

5 (5 ILCS 255/1) (from Ch. 101, par. 1)

6 Sec. 1. Oaths and affirmations. All courts, and all judges  
7 and the clerk thereof, the county clerk, deputy county clerk,  
8 notaries public, and persons certified under the Illinois  
9 Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Act ~~of~~  
10 ~~1984~~ have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to  
11 witnesses and others, concerning anything commenced or to be  
12 commenced, or pending before them respectively.

13 (Source: P.A. 90-294, eff. 8-1-97.)

14 (5 ILCS 255/2) (from Ch. 101, par. 2)

15 Sec. 2. Affidavits and depositions. All courts, and judges,  
16 and the clerks thereof, the county clerk, deputy county clerk,  
17 the Secretary of State, notaries public, and persons certified  
18 under the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice  
19 Writer Reporters Act ~~of 1984~~ may administer all oaths of office  
20 and all other oaths authorized or required of any officer or  
21 other person, and take affidavits and depositions concerning  
22 any matter or thing, process or proceeding commenced or to be  
23 commenced, or pending in any court or before them, or on any

1 occasion wherein any affidavit or deposition is authorized or  
2 required by law to be taken.

3 The same functions may be performed by any commissioned  
4 officer in active service of the armed forces of the United  
5 States, within or without the United States. Oaths, affidavits  
6 or depositions taken by or affirmations made before such  
7 officers need not be authenticated nor attested by any seal nor  
8 shall any instruments executed or proceedings had before such  
9 officers be invalid because the place of the proceedings or of  
10 the execution is not stated.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-36, eff. 1-1-12.)

12 Section 15. The Department of Professional Regulation Law  
13 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by  
14 changing Section 2105-115 as follows:

15 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-115) (was 20 ILCS 2105/60f)

16 Sec. 2105-115. Certified shorthand reporter or certified  
17 voice writer reporter; transcript. The Department, at its  
18 expense, shall provide a certified shorthand reporter or  
19 certified voice writer reporter to take down the testimony and  
20 preserve a record of all proceedings at the hearing of any case  
21 in which a license may be revoked, suspended, placed on  
22 probationary status, reprimanded, fined, or subjected to other  
23 disciplinary action with reference to the license when a  
24 disciplinary action is authorized in any licensing Act

1 administered by the Department. The notice, complaint, and all  
2 other documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions  
3 filed in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the  
4 report of the board, and the orders of the Department shall be  
5 the record of the proceedings. The Department shall furnish the  
6 record to any person interested in the hearing upon payment  
7 therefor of \$1 per page. The Department may contract for court  
8 reporting services, and, in the event it does so, the  
9 Department shall provide the name and contact information for  
10 the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
11 reporter who transcribed the testimony at a hearing to any  
12 person interested, who may obtain a copy of the transcript of  
13 any proceedings at a hearing upon payment of the fee specified  
14 by the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
15 reporter. This charge is in addition to any fee charged by the  
16 Department for certifying the record.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-262, eff. 8-22-17.)

18 Section 20. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act is  
19 amended by changing Section 3.40 as follows:

20 (210 ILCS 50/3.40)

21 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 100-1082)

22 Sec. 3.40. EMS System Participation Suspensions and Due  
23 Process.

24 (a) An EMS Medical Director may suspend from participation

1 within the System any EMS personnel, EMS Lead Instructor (LI),  
2 individual, individual provider or other participant  
3 considered not to be meeting the requirements of the Program  
4 Plan of that approved EMS System.

5 (b) Prior to suspending any individual or entity, an EMS  
6 Medical Director shall provide an opportunity for a hearing  
7 before the local System review board in accordance with  
8 subsection (f) and the rules promulgated by the Department.

9 (1) If the local System review board affirms or  
10 modifies the EMS Medical Director's suspension order, the  
11 individual or entity shall have the opportunity for a  
12 review of the local board's decision by the State EMS  
13 Disciplinary Review Board, pursuant to Section 3.45 of this  
14 Act.

15 (2) If the local System review board reverses or  
16 modifies the EMS Medical Director's order, the EMS Medical  
17 Director shall have the opportunity for a review of the  
18 local board's decision by the State EMS Disciplinary Review  
19 Board, pursuant to Section 3.45 of this Act.

20 (3) The suspension shall commence only upon the  
21 occurrence of one of the following:

22 (A) the individual or entity has waived the  
23 opportunity for a hearing before the local System  
24 review board; or

25 (B) the order has been affirmed or modified by the  
26 local system review board and the individual or entity

1           has waived the opportunity for review by the State  
2           Board; or

3                   (C) the order has been affirmed or modified by the  
4           local system review board, and the local board's  
5           decision has been affirmed or modified by the State  
6           Board.

7           (c) An EMS Medical Director may immediately suspend an EMR,  
8           EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHRN, LI, or other  
9           individual or entity if he or she finds that the continuation  
10          in practice by the individual or entity would constitute an  
11          imminent danger to the public. The suspended individual or  
12          entity shall be issued an immediate verbal notification  
13          followed by a written suspension order by the EMS Medical  
14          Director which states the length, terms and basis for the  
15          suspension.

16                  (1) Within 24 hours following the commencement of the  
17          suspension, the EMS Medical Director shall deliver to the  
18          Department, by messenger, telefax, or other  
19          Department-approved electronic communication, a copy of  
20          the suspension order and copies of any written materials  
21          which relate to the EMS Medical Director's decision to  
22          suspend the individual or entity. All medical and  
23          patient-specific information, including Department  
24          findings with respect to the quality of care rendered,  
25          shall be strictly confidential pursuant to the Medical  
26          Studies Act (Part 21 of Article VIII of the Code of Civil

1 Procedure).

2 (2) Within 24 hours following the commencement of the  
3 suspension, the suspended individual or entity may deliver  
4 to the Department, by messenger, telefax, or other  
5 Department-approved electronic communication, a written  
6 response to the suspension order and copies of any written  
7 materials which the individual or entity feels are  
8 appropriate. All medical and patient-specific information,  
9 including Department findings with respect to the quality  
10 of care rendered, shall be strictly confidential pursuant  
11 to the Medical Studies Act.

12 (3) Within 24 hours following receipt of the EMS  
13 Medical Director's suspension order or the individual or  
14 entity's written response, whichever is later, the  
15 Director or the Director's designee shall determine  
16 whether the suspension should be stayed pending an  
17 opportunity for a hearing or review in accordance with this  
18 Act, or whether the suspension should continue during the  
19 course of that hearing or review. The Director or the  
20 Director's designee shall issue this determination to the  
21 EMS Medical Director, who shall immediately notify the  
22 suspended individual or entity. The suspension shall  
23 remain in effect during this period of review by the  
24 Director or the Director's designee.

25 (d) Upon issuance of a suspension order for reasons  
26 directly related to medical care, the EMS Medical Director

1 shall also provide the individual or entity with the  
2 opportunity for a hearing before the local System review board,  
3 in accordance with subsection (f) and the rules promulgated by  
4 the Department.

5 (1) If the local System review board affirms or  
6 modifies the EMS Medical Director's suspension order, the  
7 individual or entity shall have the opportunity for a  
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15 Disciplinary Review Board, pursuant to Section 3.45 of this  
16 Act.

17 (3) The suspended individual or entity may elect to  
18 bypass the local System review board and seek direct review  
19 of the EMS Medical Director's suspension order by the State  
20 EMS Disciplinary Review Board.

21 (e) The Resource Hospital shall designate a local System  
22 review board in accordance with the rules of the Department,  
23 for the purpose of providing a hearing to any individual or  
24 entity participating within the System who is suspended from  
25 participation by the EMS Medical Director. The EMS Medical  
26 Director shall arrange for a certified shorthand reporter or



1 certified voice writer reporter to make a stenographic record  
2 of that hearing and thereafter prepare a transcript of the  
3 proceedings. The transcript, all documents or materials  
4 received as evidence during the hearing and the local System  
5 review board's written decision shall be retained in the  
6 custody of the EMS system. The System shall implement a  
7 decision of the local System review board unless that decision  
8 has been appealed to the State Emergency Medical Services  
9 Disciplinary Review Board in accordance with this Act and the  
10 rules of the Department.

11 (f) The Resource Hospital shall implement a decision of the  
12 State Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Review Board  
13 which has been rendered in accordance with this Act and the  
14 rules of the Department.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

16 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 100-1082)

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22 Board; or

23 (C) the order has been affirmed or modified by the  
24 local system review board, and the local board's  
25 decision has been affirmed or modified by the State  
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5 (f) The Resource Hospital shall implement a decision of the  
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7 which has been rendered in accordance with this Act and the  
8 rules of the Department.

9 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19.)

10 Section 25. The Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act is  
11 amended by changing Sections 3b and 3d as follows:

12 (225 ILCS 45/3b) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103b)

13 Sec. 3b. The Comptroller, at his expense, shall provide a  
14 certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
15 reporter to take down the testimony and preserve a record of  
16 all proceedings at the hearing of any case involving the  
17 refusal to issue or renew a license, the suspension or  
18 revocation of a license, the imposition of a monetary penalty,  
19 or the referral of a case for criminal prosecution. The record  
20 of any such proceeding shall consist of the notice of hearing,  
21 complaint, all other documents in the nature of pleadings and  
22 written motions filed in the proceedings, the transcript of  
23 testimony and the report and orders of the Comptroller. Copies  
24 of the transcript of such record may be purchased from the

1 certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
2 reporter who prepared the record.

3 (Source: P.A. 84-839.)

4 (225 ILCS 45/3d) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103d)

5 Sec. 3d. Any person affected by a final administrative  
6 decision of the Comptroller may have such decision reviewed  
7 judicially by the circuit court of the county where such person  
8 resides, or in the case of a corporation, where the registered  
9 office is located. If the plaintiff in the review proceeding is  
10 not a resident of this State, venue shall be in Sangamon  
11 County. The provisions of the Administrative Review Law, as now  
12 or hereafter amended, and any rules adopted thereunder shall  
13 govern all proceedings for the judicial review of final  
14 administrative decisions of the Comptroller. The term  
15 "administrative decision" is defined as in the Administrative  
16 Review Law.

17 The Comptroller is not required to certify the record of  
18 the proceeding unless the plaintiff in the review proceedings  
19 has purchased a copy of the transcript from the certified  
20 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter who  
21 prepared the record. Exhibits shall be certified without cost.

22 (Source: P.A. 84-839.)

23 Section 30. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by  
24 changing Section 39 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 60/39) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-39)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2019)

3 Sec. 39. Certified shorthand reporter or certified voice  
4 writer reporter; record. The Department, at its expense, shall  
5 provide a certified shorthand reporter or certified voice  
6 writer reporter to take down the testimony and preserve a  
7 record of all proceedings at the hearing of any case wherein a  
8 license may be revoked, suspended, placed on probationary  
9 status, or other disciplinary action taken with regard thereto.  
10 The notice of hearing, complaint and all other documents in the  
11 nature of pleadings and written motions filed in the  
12 proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the report of the  
13 Licensing Board and the orders of the Department constitute the  
14 record of the proceedings. The Department shall furnish a copy  
15 of the record to any person interested in such hearing upon  
16 payment of the fee required under Section 2105-115 of the  
17 Department of Professional Regulation Law (20 ILCS  
18 2105/2105-115). The Department may contract for court  
19 reporting services, and, in the event it does so, the  
20 Department shall provide the name and contact information for  
21 the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
22 reporter who transcribed the testimony at a hearing to any  
23 person interested, who may obtain a copy of the record of any  
24 proceedings at a hearing upon payment of the fee specified by  
25 the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer



1 reporter. This charge is in addition to any fee charged by the  
2 Department for certifying the record.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-429, eff. 8-25-17.)

4 Section 35. The Illinois Explosives Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 5004 as follows

6 (225 ILCS 210/5004) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5004)

7 Sec. 5004. Record of proceedings; transcript. The  
8 Department or aggrieved party may provide at its or his or her  
9 expense a certified shorthand reporter or certified voice  
10 writer reporter to take down the testimony and preserve a  
11 record of all proceedings at the hearing of any case involving  
12 denial or refusal to issue or renew a license or certificate,  
13 or the suspension or revocation or other discipline of a  
14 license or certificate. Copies of the transcript of such record  
15 may be purchased from the certified shorthand reporter or  
16 certified voice writer reporter who prepared the record.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-1194, eff. 1-1-11.)

18 Section 40. The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act  
19 of 1984 is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6,  
20 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 23.1, 23.3, 23.4, 23.10,  
21 23.13, 25, 26, and 28 as follows:

22 (225 ILCS 415/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 6201)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

2 Sec. 1. The practice of shorthand reporting and voice  
3 writer reporting in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to  
4 affect the public health, safety and welfare and to be subject  
5 to regulation and control in the public interest. This Act is  
6 designed to encourage proficiency in the methods practice of  
7 shorthand reporting and voice writer reporting as a profession;  
8 to promote efficiency in court and general reporting; and to  
9 extend to the public the protection afforded by a standardized  
10 profession by establishing standards ~~a standard~~ of competency  
11 for certified shorthand reporters and voice writer reporters.  
12 It is further declared that, in order for the practice of  
13 shorthand reporting and voice writer reporting as defined in  
14 this Act to merit and receive the confidence of the public,  
15 only qualified persons shall be authorized to practice  
16 shorthand reporting and voice writer reporting in the State of  
17 Illinois. This Act shall be liberally construed to best carry  
18 out these subjects and purposes.

19 (Source: P.A. 83-73.)

20 (225 ILCS 415/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 6202)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

22 Sec. 2. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Certified  
23 Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Act ~~of 1984~~.

24 (Source: P.A. 87-481.)

1 (225 ILCS 415/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 6203)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

3 Sec. 3. License required. No person may practice shorthand  
4 reporting or voice writer reporting on a temporary or permanent  
5 basis in this State without being certified under this Act.  
6 This Act does not prohibit any non-resident practicing  
7 shorthand reporter or non-resident practicing voice writer  
8 reporter from practicing shorthand reporting or voice writer  
9 reporting in this State as to one single proceeding.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

11 (225 ILCS 415/3.5)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

13 Sec. 3.5. Uncertified practice; violation; civil penalty.

14 (a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts  
15 to practice, or holds oneself out to practice as a shorthand  
16 reporter or a voice writer reporter without being certified  
17 under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty provided  
18 by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an amount not  
19 to exceed \$10,000 for each offense as determined by the  
20 Department and the assessment of costs as provided under  
21 Section 23.3 of this Act. The civil penalty shall be assessed  
22 by the Department after a hearing is held in accordance with  
23 the provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of  
24 a hearing for the discipline of a licensee.

25 (b) The Department has the authority and power to

1 investigate any and all unlicensed activity.

2 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after  
3 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The  
4 order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and  
5 execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from  
6 any court of record.

7 (d) All moneys collected under this Section shall be  
8 deposited into the General Professions Dedicated Fund.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

10 (225 ILCS 415/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 6204)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

12 Sec. 4. In this Act:

13 (1) "Department" means the Department of Financial and  
14 Professional Regulation.

15 (2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
16 Professional Regulation.

17 (3) "Board" means the Certified Shorthand Reporters and  
18 Voice Writer Reporters Board appointed by the Secretary.

19 (4) "The practice of shorthand reporting" means reporting,  
20 by the use of any system of manual or mechanical shorthand  
21 writing, of Grand Jury proceedings, court proceedings, court  
22 related proceedings, pretrial examinations, depositions,  
23 motions and related proceedings of like character, or  
24 proceedings of an administrative agency when the final decision  
25 of the agency with reference thereto is likely to be subject to

1 judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative  
2 Review Law.

3 (5) "Shorthand reporter" means a person who is technically  
4 qualified and certified under this Act to practice shorthand  
5 reporting.

6 (6) "Stenographic notes" means the original notes by manual  
7 or mechanical shorthand, voice writing, or shorthand writing  
8 taken by a shorthand reporter or voice writer reporter of a  
9 proceeding while in attendance at such proceeding for the  
10 purpose of reporting the same.

11 (7) "Address of record" means the designated address  
12 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's  
13 application file or license file as maintained by the  
14 Department's licensure maintenance unit. It is the duty of the  
15 applicant or licensee to inform the Department of any change of  
16 address and those changes must be made either through the  
17 Department's Internet website or by contacting the Department.

18 (8) "Practice of voice writer reporting" means reporting,  
19 by the use of a system of repeating words of the speaker into a  
20 device that is capable of digital translation into text, of  
21 grand jury proceedings, court proceedings, court-related  
22 proceedings, pretrial examinations, depositions, motions, and  
23 related proceedings of like character, or proceedings of an  
24 administrative agency when the final decision of the agency  
25 with reference thereto is likely to be subject to judicial  
26 review under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law.

1       (9) "Voice writer reporter" means a person who is  
2 technically qualified and certified under this Act to practice  
3 voice writer reporting.

4       (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

5           (225 ILCS 415/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 6205)

6           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

7       Sec. 5. Title. Every person to whom a valid existing  
8 certificate as a certified shorthand reporter or certified  
9 voice writer reporter has been issued under this Act shall be  
10 designated as a Certified Shorthand Reporter or Certified Voice  
11 Writer Reporter, and not otherwise. Any ~~, and any~~ such  
12 certified shorthand reporter may, in connection with his or her  
13 practice of shorthand reporting, use the abbreviation "C.S.R."  
14 or the title "Court Reporter". Any such certified voice writer  
15 reporter may, in connection with his or her practice of voice  
16 writer reporting, use the abbreviation "C.C.R." or the title  
17 "Certified Voice Writer Reporter" or "Court Reporter". No  
18 person other than the holder of a valid existing certificate  
19 under this Act shall use the title or designation of "Certified  
20 Shorthand Reporter", "Court Reporter", "C.C.R.", ~~or~~ "C.S.R.",  
21 or "Certified Voice Writer Reporter", either directly or  
22 indirectly in connection with his or her profession or  
23 business. A person may hold valid certificates both as a  
24 certified shorthand reporter and as a certified voice writer  
25 under this Act and may use the titles authorized by this

1 Section.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-49, eff. 7-3-97.)

3 (225 ILCS 415/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 6206)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

5 Sec. 6. Restricted certificate. Upon receipt of a written  
6 request from the Chief Judge of the reporter's circuit, the  
7 Department shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to  
8 any reporter who has been appointed in counties of less than  
9 1,000,000 in population, has been examined under the Court  
10 Reporters Act, and has achieved an "A" proficiency rating, a  
11 restricted certificate by which such official court reporter  
12 may then lawfully engage in reporting only court proceedings to  
13 which he or she may be assigned by the Chief Judge of his or her  
14 circuit.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

16 (225 ILCS 415/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6208)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

18 Sec. 8. Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer  
19 Reporters Board. The Secretary shall appoint a Certified  
20 Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Board as  
21 follows: 9 ~~7~~ persons who shall be appointed by and shall serve  
22 in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. Six members must be  
23 certified shorthand reporters, in good standing, and actively  
24 engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting in this State

1 for ten years, 2 members must be certified voice writer  
2 reporters actively engaged in the practice of voice writer  
3 reporting in this State, who have engaged in the practice of  
4 voice writer reporting for at least 10 years in this State, or  
5 who have applied for certification in this State and are  
6 engaged in the practice of voice writer reporting in another  
7 jurisdiction for at least 10 years and are in good standing in  
8 the other jurisdiction, and one member must be a member of the  
9 public who is not certified under this Act, or a similar Act of  
10 another jurisdiction.

11 Members shall serve 4 year terms and until their successors  
12 are appointed and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to  
13 the Board for a term that would cause his or her continuous  
14 service on the Board to be longer than 2 full consecutive  
15 terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same  
16 manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of  
17 the vacated term.

18 In making appointments to the Board, the Secretary shall  
19 give consideration to recommendations by national and State  
20 organizations of the shorthand reporter and voice writer  
21 reporter professions ~~profession~~.

22 Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A  
23 quorum is required for all Board decisions.

24 The Secretary may remove or suspend any member of the Board  
25 for cause at any time before the expiration of his or her term.  
26 The Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of cause.



1           The Secretary shall consider the recommendations of the  
2 Board on questions involving standards of professional  
3 conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and  
4 certificate holders under this Act.

5           Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all  
6 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in  
7 attending the meetings of the Board.

8           Members of the Board have no liability in any action based  
9 upon any disciplinary proceedings or other activity performed  
10 in good faith as members of the Board.

11           (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

12           (225 ILCS 415/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 6209)

13           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

14           Sec. 9. Qualifications. Applications for original  
15 certificates shall be made to the Department in writing on  
16 forms prescribed by the Department and shall be accompanied by  
17 the required fee, which shall not be returnable. Any such  
18 application shall require such information as in the judgment  
19 of the Department will enable the Department to pass on the  
20 qualifications of the applicant for certification.

21           In determining competency, the Department shall require  
22 proof that the applicant has a good understanding of the  
23 English language, including reading, spelling and vocabulary,  
24 and that the applicant has sufficient ability to accurately  
25 report any of the matters comprising the practice of shorthand

1 reporting or the practice of voice writer reporting, as herein  
2 defined, by the use of any system of manual or mechanical  
3 shorthand or shorthand writing or by the use of voice writing,  
4 and a clear understanding of obligations between a shorthand  
5 reporter and a voice writer reporter and the parties to any  
6 proceedings reported, as well as the provisions of this Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

8 (225 ILCS 415/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 6210)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

10 Sec. 10. The Department shall authorize examinations at  
11 such time and place as it may designate. The examination shall  
12 be of a character to give a fair test of the qualifications of  
13 the applicant to practice shorthand reporting or to practice  
14 voice writer reporting.

15 Applicants for examination as certified shorthand  
16 reporters and for examination as certified voice writer  
17 reporters shall be required to pay, either to the Department or  
18 the designated testing service, a fee covering the cost of  
19 providing the examination. Failure to appear for the  
20 examination on the scheduled date, at the time and place  
21 specified, after the applicant's application for examination  
22 has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the  
23 designated testing service, shall result in the forfeiture of  
24 the examination fee.

25 If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take the next

1 available examination offered or fails to pass an examination  
2 for certification under this Act, the application shall be  
3 denied. If an applicant for examination for certification under  
4 this Act fails to pass the examination within 3 years after  
5 filing his application, the application shall be denied.  
6 However, such applicant may thereafter make a new application  
7 accompanied by the required fee.

8 The Department may employ consultants for the purpose of  
9 preparing and conducting examinations.

10 An applicant has one year from the date of notification of  
11 successful completion of the examination to apply to the  
12 Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within  
13 one year, the applicant shall be required to take and pass the  
14 examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of  
15 the United States within one year of passing the examination.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

17 (225 ILCS 415/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6211)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

19 Sec. 11. Qualifications; application. A person shall be  
20 qualified for certification as a certified shorthand reporter  
21 or for certification as a certified voice writer reporter if:

22 A. That person has applied in writing in form and substance  
23 to the Department; and

24 (1) (Blank);

25 (2) Is of good moral character, the determination of

1 which shall take into account but not be totally based upon  
2 any felony conviction of the applicant; and

3 (3) Has graduated from a high school or secondary  
4 school or its equivalent; and

5 B. That person has successfully completed the examination  
6 authorized by the Department.

7 Additional qualifications for the practice of shorthand  
8 reporting or for the practice of voice writer reporting may be  
9 set by the Department by rule.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

11 (225 ILCS 415/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 6213)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

13 Sec. 13. No action or suit shall be instituted, nor  
14 recovery therein be had, in any court of this State by any  
15 person for compensation for any act done or service rendered,  
16 the doing or rendering of which is prohibited under the  
17 provisions of this Act to other than certified shorthand  
18 reporters or certified voice writer reporters.

19 (Source: P.A. 83-73.)

20 (225 ILCS 415/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 6214)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

22 Sec. 14. Expiration, renewal, and military service. The  
23 expiration date and renewal period for each certificate issued  
24 under this Act shall be set by rule.

1           Any certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
2 reporter who has permitted his or her certificate to expire or  
3 who has had his or her certificate on inactive status may have  
4 his or her certificate restored by making application to the  
5 Department, filing proof acceptable to the Department of his or  
6 her fitness to have his or her certificate restored and paying  
7 the required restoration fee. The Department may consider a  
8 certificate expired less than 5 years as prima facie evidence  
9 that the applicant is fit. If a certificate has expired or has  
10 been placed on inactive status and the applicant has practiced  
11 in another jurisdiction during such period, satisfactory proof  
12 of fitness may include sworn evidence certifying to active  
13 practice in another jurisdiction.

14           If the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice  
15 writer reporter has not maintained an active practice in  
16 another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department, the  
17 Department shall determine, by an evaluation program  
18 established by rule, his or her fitness to resume active status  
19 and shall, by rule, establish procedures and requirements for  
20 restoration.

21           However, any certified shorthand reporter or certified  
22 voice writer reporter whose certificate expired while he or she  
23 was (1) in Federal Service on active duty with the Armed Forces  
24 of the United States, or the State Militia called into service  
25 or training, or (2) in training or education under the  
26 supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into

1 the military service, may have his or her certificate renewed  
2 or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees if within 2  
3 years after termination of such service, training or education  
4 except under conditions other than honorable, he or she  
5 furnished the Department with satisfactory evidence to the  
6 effect that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her  
7 service, training or education has been so terminated.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

9 (225 ILCS 415/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 6215)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

11 Sec. 15. Inactive status. Any certified shorthand reporter  
12 or certified voice writer reporter who notifies the Department  
13 in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, may elect to  
14 place his or her certificate on an inactive status and shall,  
15 subject to rules of the Department, be excused from payment of  
16 renewal fees until he or she notifies the Department in writing  
17 of his or her desire to resume active status.

18 Any certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
19 reporter requesting restoration from inactive status shall be  
20 required to pay the current renewal fee and shall be required  
21 to restore his or her certificate, as provided in Section 14.

22 Any certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
23 reporter whose certificate is in an inactive status shall not  
24 practice shorthand reporting or voice writer reporting in the  
25 State of Illinois.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

2 (225 ILCS 415/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 6216)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

4 Sec. 16. Endorsement; licensure without examination. The  
5 Department may certify as a certified shorthand reporter or as  
6 a certified voice writer reporter, without examination, on  
7 payment of the required fee, an applicant who is a certified  
8 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter  
9 registered under the laws of another jurisdiction, if the  
10 requirements for certification of certified shorthand  
11 reporters or certified voice writer reporters in that  
12 jurisdiction were, at the date of his or her certification,  
13 substantially equivalent to the requirements in force in this  
14 State on that date.

15 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to  
16 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
17 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee  
18 forfeited and the applicant must reapply and meet the  
19 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

21 (225 ILCS 415/23) (from Ch. 111, par. 6223)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

23 Sec. 23. Grounds for disciplinary action.

24 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may

1 revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand or take other  
2 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may  
3 deem appropriate, including imposing fines not to exceed  
4 \$10,000 for each violation and the assessment of costs as  
5 provided for in Section 23.3 of this Act, with regard to any  
6 license for any one or combination of the following:

7 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to  
8 the Department;

9 (2) Violations of this Act, or of the rules promulgated  
10 thereunder;

11 (3) Conviction by plea of guilty or nolo contendere,  
12 finding of guilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or by  
13 sentencing of any crime, including, but not limited to,  
14 convictions, preceding sentences of supervision,  
15 conditional discharge, or first offender probation under  
16 the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States: (i) that  
17 is a felony or (ii) that is a misdemeanor, an essential  
18 element of which is dishonesty, or that is directly related  
19 to the practice of the profession;

20 (4) Fraud or any misrepresentation in applying for or  
21 procuring a license under this Act or in connection with  
22 applying for renewal of a license under this Act;

23 (5) Professional incompetence;

24 (6) Aiding or assisting another person, firm,  
25 partnership or corporation in violating any provision of  
26 this Act or rules;



1           (7) Failing, within 60 days, to provide information in  
2 response to a written request made by the Department;

3           (8) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or  
4 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,  
5 defraud or harm the public;

6           (9) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs defined  
7 in law as controlled substances, alcohol, or any other  
8 substances that results in the inability to practice with  
9 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety;

10          (10) Discipline by another state, unit of government,  
11 government agency, the District of Columbia, a territory,  
12 or foreign nation, if at least one of the grounds for the  
13 discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those  
14 set forth herein;

15          (11) Charging for professional services not rendered,  
16 including filing false statements for the collection of  
17 fees for which services were not rendered, or giving,  
18 directly or indirectly, any gift or anything of value to  
19 attorneys or their staff or any other persons or entities  
20 associated with any litigation, that exceeds \$100 total per  
21 year; for the purposes of this Section, pro bono services,  
22 as defined by State law, are permissible in any amount;

23          (12) A finding by the Board that the certificate  
24 holder, after having his or her certificate placed on  
25 probationary status, has violated the terms of probation;

26          (13) Willfully making or filing false records or

1 reports in the practice of shorthand reporting or in the  
2 practice of voice writer reporting, including but not  
3 limited to false records filed with State agencies or  
4 departments;

5 (14) Physical illness, including but not limited to,  
6 deterioration through the aging process, or loss of motor  
7 skill which results in the inability to practice under this  
8 Act with reasonable judgment, skill or safety;

9 (15) Solicitation of professional services other than  
10 by permitted advertising;

11 (16) Willful failure to take full and accurate  
12 stenographic notes of any proceeding;

13 (17) Willful alteration of any stenographic notes  
14 taken at any proceeding;

15 (18) Willful failure to accurately transcribe verbatim  
16 any stenographic notes taken at any proceeding;

17 (19) Willful alteration of a transcript of  
18 stenographic notes taken at any proceeding;

19 (20) Affixing one's signature to any transcript of his  
20 stenographic notes or certifying to its correctness unless  
21 the transcript has been prepared by him or under his  
22 immediate supervision;

23 (21) Willful failure to systematically retain  
24 stenographic notes or transcripts on paper or any  
25 electronic media for 10 years from the date that the notes  
26 or transcripts were taken;

1           (22) Failure to deliver transcripts in a timely manner  
2           or in accordance with contractual agreements;

3           (23) Establishing contingent fees as a basis of  
4           compensation;

5           (24) Mental illness or disability that results in the  
6           inability to practice under this Act with reasonable  
7           judgment, skill, or safety;

8           (25) Practicing under a false or assumed name, except  
9           as provided by law;

10          (26) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the licensing  
11          examination administered under this Act;

12          (27) Allowing one's license under this Act to be used  
13          by an unlicensed person in violation of this Act.

14          All fines imposed under this Section shall be paid within  
15          60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the fine  
16          or in accordance with the terms set forth in the order imposing  
17          the fine.

18          (b) The determination by a circuit court that a certificate  
19          holder is subject to involuntary admission or judicial  
20          admission as provided in the Mental Health and Developmental  
21          Disabilities Code, operates as an automatic suspension. Such  
22          suspension will end only upon a finding by a court that the  
23          patient is no longer subject to involuntary admission or  
24          judicial admission, an order by the court so finding and  
25          discharging the patient. In any case where a license is  
26          suspended under this Section, the licensee may file a petition

1 for restoration and shall include evidence acceptable to the  
2 Department that the licensee can resume practice in compliance  
3 with acceptable and prevailing standards of the profession.

4 (c) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family  
5 Services has previously determined a licensee or a potential  
6 licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of  
7 child support and has subsequently certified the delinquency to  
8 the Department, the Department may refuse to issue or renew or  
9 may revoke or suspend that person's license or may take other  
10 disciplinary action against that person based solely upon the  
11 certification of delinquency made by the Department of  
12 Healthcare and Family Services in accordance with item (5) of  
13 subsection (a) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil Administrative  
14 Code of Illinois.

15 (d) In enforcing this Section, the Department, upon a  
16 showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who  
17 is certified under this Act or any individual who has applied  
18 for certification under this Act to submit to a mental or  
19 physical examination and evaluation, or both, which may include  
20 a substance abuse or sexual offender evaluation, at the expense  
21 of the Department. The Department shall specifically designate  
22 the examining physician licensed to practice medicine in all of  
23 its branches or, if applicable, the multidisciplinary team  
24 involved in providing the mental or physical examination and  
25 evaluation, or both. The multidisciplinary team shall be led by  
26 a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its

1 branches and may consist of one or more or a combination of  
2 physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its  
3 branches, licensed chiropractic physicians, licensed clinical  
4 psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed  
5 clinical professional counselors, and other professional and  
6 administrative staff. Any examining physician or member of the  
7 multidisciplinary team may require any person ordered to submit  
8 to an examination and evaluation pursuant to this Section to  
9 submit to any additional supplemental testing deemed necessary  
10 to complete any examination or evaluation process, including,  
11 but not limited to, blood testing, urinalysis, psychological  
12 testing, or neuropsychological testing.

13 The Department may order the examining physician or any  
14 member of the multidisciplinary team to provide to the  
15 Department any and all records, including business records,  
16 that relate to the examination and evaluation, including any  
17 supplemental testing performed. The Department may order the  
18 examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team  
19 to present testimony concerning this examination and  
20 evaluation of the certified shorthand reporter, certified  
21 voice writer reporter, or applicant, including testimony  
22 concerning any supplemental testing or documents relating to  
23 the examination and evaluation. No information, report,  
24 record, or other documents in any way related to the  
25 examination and evaluation shall be excluded by reason of any  
26 common law or statutory privilege relating to communication

1 between the licensee or applicant and the examining physician  
2 or any member of the multidisciplinary team. No authorization  
3 is necessary from the certified shorthand reporter or applicant  
4 ordered to undergo an evaluation and examination for the  
5 examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team  
6 to provide information, reports, records, or other documents or  
7 to provide any testimony regarding the examination and  
8 evaluation. The individual to be examined may have, at his or  
9 her own expense, another physician of his or her choice present  
10 during all aspects of the examination.

11 Failure of any individual to submit to mental or physical  
12 examination and evaluation, or both, when directed, shall  
13 result in an automatic suspension, without hearing, until such  
14 time as the individual submits to the examination. If the  
15 Department finds a certified shorthand reporter or certified  
16 voice writer reporter unable to practice because of the reasons  
17 set forth in this Section, the Department shall require the  
18 certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
19 reporter to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by  
20 physicians approved or designated by the Department, as a  
21 condition for continued, reinstated, or renewed certification.

22 When the Secretary immediately suspends a certificate  
23 under this Section, a hearing upon the person's certificate  
24 must be convened by the Department within 15 days after the  
25 suspension and completed without appreciable delay. The  
26 Department shall have the authority to review the certified

1 shorthand reporter's or certified voice writer reporter's  
2 record of treatment and counseling regarding the impairment, to  
3 the extent permitted by applicable federal statutes and  
4 regulations safeguarding the confidentiality of medical  
5 records.

6 Individuals certified under this Act, affected under this  
7 Section, shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the  
8 Department that they can resume practice in compliance with  
9 acceptable and prevailing standards under the provisions of  
10 their certification.

11 (e) (Blank).

12 (f) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend  
13 without hearing, as provided for in the Code of Civil  
14 Procedure, the license of any person who fails to file a  
15 return, to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed  
16 return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or  
17 interest as required by any tax Act administered by the  
18 Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the  
19 requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied in accordance  
20 with subsection (g) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil  
21 Administrative Code of Illinois.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-872, eff. 8-14-18.)

23 (225 ILCS 415/23.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 6224)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

25 Sec. 23.1. Injunctive actions; order to cease and desist.

1           (a) If any person violates the provisions of this Act, the  
2 Secretary may, in the name of the People of the State of  
3 Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of Illinois  
4 or the State's Attorney of the county in which the violation is  
5 alleged to have occurred, petition for an order enjoining such  
6 violation or for an order enforcing compliance with this Act.  
7 Upon the filing of a verified petition in such court, the court  
8 may issue a temporary restraining order, without notice or  
9 bond, and may preliminarily and permanently enjoin such  
10 violation. If it is established that such person has violated  
11 or is violating the injunction, the court may punish the  
12 offender for contempt of court. Proceedings under this Section  
13 shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies  
14 and penalties provided by this Act.

15           (b) If any person practices as a certified shorthand  
16 reporter or certified voice writer reporter or holds himself or  
17 herself out as a certified shorthand reporter or certified  
18 voice writer reporter without being licensed under the  
19 provisions of this Act then any certified shorthand reporter,  
20 any certified voice writer reporter, any interested party or  
21 any person injured thereby may, in addition to the Secretary,  
22 petition for relief as provided in subsection (a).

23           (c) Whenever in the opinion of the Department any person  
24 violates any provision of this Act, the Department may issue a  
25 rule to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not  
26 be entered against that individual. The rule shall clearly set



1 forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall  
2 provide a period of 7 days from the date of the rule to file an  
3 answer to the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to answer  
4 to the satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to  
5 cease and desist to be issued forthwith.

6 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

7 (225 ILCS 415/23.3) (from Ch. 111, par. 6226)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

9 Sec. 23.3. Records of proceedings. The Department, at its  
10 expense, shall preserve a record of all proceedings at the  
11 formal hearing of any case. The notice of hearing, complaint  
12 and all other documents in the nature of pleadings and written  
13 motions filed in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony,  
14 the report of the Board and orders of the Department, shall be  
15 the record of such proceeding. Any certified shorthand reporter  
16 or certified voice writer reporter who is found to have  
17 violated this Act or who fails to appear for a hearing to  
18 refuse to issue, restore, or renew a license or to discipline a  
19 licensee may be required by the Department to pay for the costs  
20 of the proceeding. These costs are limited to costs for court  
21 reporters, transcripts, and witness attendance and mileage  
22 fees. All costs imposed under this Section shall be paid within  
23 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the  
24 fine.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

1 (225 ILCS 415/23.4) (from Ch. 111, par. 6227)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

3 Sec. 23.4. Subpoenas; oaths. The Department may subpoena  
4 and bring before it any person and to take the oral or written  
5 testimony or compel the production of any books, papers,  
6 records, or any other documents that the Secretary or his or  
7 her designee deems relevant or material to an investigation or  
8 hearing conducted by the Department with the same fees and  
9 mileage and in the same manner as prescribed by law in judicial  
10 procedure in civil cases in courts of this State.

11 The Secretary, the designated hearing officer, any member  
12 of the Board, or a certified shorthand court reporter or a  
13 certified voice writer reporter may have power to administer  
14 oaths at any hearing which the Department conducts.  
15 Notwithstanding any other statute or Department rule to the  
16 contrary, all requests for testimony and production of  
17 documents or records shall be in accordance with this Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

19 (225 ILCS 415/23.13) (from Ch. 111, par. 6236)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

21 Sec. 23.13. Summary suspension. The Secretary may  
22 summarily suspend the certificate of a certified shorthand  
23 reporter or a certified voice writer reporter without a  
24 hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings

1 for a hearing provided for in Section 23.2 of this Act, if the  
2 Secretary finds that the evidence indicates that a certified  
3 shorthand reporter's or a certified voice writer reporter's  
4 continuation in practice would constitute an imminent danger to  
5 the public. In the event that the Secretary summarily suspends  
6 the certificate of a certified shorthand reporter or a  
7 certified voice writer reporter without a hearing, a hearing  
8 shall be commenced within 30 days after such suspension has  
9 occurred and shall be concluded as expeditiously as possible.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

11 (225 ILCS 415/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 6241)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

13 Sec. 25. Home rule. The regulation and licensing of a  
14 shorthand reporter or a voice writer reporter are exclusive  
15 powers and functions of the State. A home rule unit may not  
16 regulate or license a shorthand reporter or the practice of  
17 shorthand reporting or regulate or license a voice writer  
18 reporter or the practice of voice writer reporting. This  
19 Section is a denial and limitation of home rule powers and  
20 functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of  
21 the Illinois Constitution.

22 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

23 (225 ILCS 415/26) (from Ch. 111, par. 6242)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

1           Sec. 26. Every shorthand reporter and voice writer reporter  
2 shall print his or her name and license or restricted license  
3 number on each transcript reported.

4           (Source: P.A. 87-481; 87-576.)

5           (225 ILCS 415/28)

6           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

7           Sec. 28. Payment for services. A person certified under  
8 this Act may hold an attorney, firm, or any other entity  
9 personally responsible for payment of shorthand reporting  
10 services or voice writer reporting services rendered at the  
11 request of that attorney, firm, or entity.

12           (Source: P.A. 90-295, eff. 8-1-97.)

13           Section 45. The Illinois Public Accounting Act is amended  
14 by changing Section 20.2 as follows:

15           (225 ILCS 450/20.2) (from Ch. 111, par. 5523)

16           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

17           Sec. 20.2. Subpoenas; depositions; oaths.

18           (a) The Department may subpoena and bring before it any  
19 person to take the oral or written testimony or compel the  
20 production of any books, papers, records, or any other  
21 documents that the Secretary or his or her designee deems  
22 relevant or material to any investigation or hearing conducted  
23 by the Department with the same fees and mileage as prescribed

1 in civil cases in circuit courts of this State and in the same  
2 manner as prescribed by this Act and its rules.

3 (b) The Secretary, any member of the Committee designated  
4 by the Secretary, a certified shorthand reporter or certified  
5 voice writer reporter, or any hearing officer appointed may  
6 administer oaths at any hearing which the Department conducts.  
7 Notwithstanding any statute or Department rule to the contrary,  
8 all requests for testimony, production of documents, or records  
9 shall be in accordance with this Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-254, eff. 8-9-13.)

11 Section 50. The Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002  
12 is amended by changing Section 15-15 as follows:

13 (225 ILCS 458/15-15)

14 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

15 Sec. 15-15. Investigation; notice; hearing.

16 (a) Upon the motion of the Department or the Board or upon  
17 a complaint in writing of a person setting forth facts that, if  
18 proven, would constitute grounds for suspension, revocation,  
19 or other disciplinary action against a licensee or applicant  
20 for licensure, the Department shall investigate the actions of  
21 the licensee or applicant. If, upon investigation, the  
22 Department believes that there may be cause for suspension,  
23 revocation, or other disciplinary action, the Department shall  
24 use the services of a State certified general real estate

1 appraiser, a State certified residential real estate  
2 appraiser, or the Real Estate Coordinator to assist in  
3 determining whether grounds for disciplinary action exist  
4 prior to commencing formal disciplinary proceedings.

5 (b) Formal disciplinary proceedings shall commence upon  
6 the issuance of a written complaint describing the charges that  
7 are the basis of the disciplinary action and delivery of the  
8 detailed complaint to the address of record of the licensee or  
9 applicant. The Department shall notify the licensee or  
10 applicant to file a verified written answer within 20 days  
11 after the service of the notice and complaint. The notification  
12 shall inform the licensee or applicant of his or her right to  
13 be heard in person or by legal counsel; that the hearing will  
14 be afforded not sooner than 30 days after service of the  
15 complaint; that failure to file an answer will result in a  
16 default being entered against the licensee or applicant; that  
17 the license may be suspended, revoked, or placed on  
18 probationary status; and that other disciplinary action may be  
19 taken pursuant to this Act, including limiting the scope,  
20 nature, or extent of the licensee's practice. If the licensee  
21 or applicant fails to file an answer after service of notice,  
22 his or her license may, at the discretion of the Department, be  
23 suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status and the  
24 Department may take whatever disciplinary action it deems  
25 proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the  
26 person's practice, without a hearing.

1           (c) At the time and place fixed in the notice, the Board  
2 shall conduct hearing of the charges, providing both the  
3 accused person and the complainant ample opportunity to present  
4 in person or by counsel such statements, testimony, evidence,  
5 and argument as may be pertinent to the charges or to a defense  
6 thereto.

7           (d) The Board shall present to the Secretary a written  
8 report of its findings and recommendations. A copy of the  
9 report shall be served upon the licensee or applicant, either  
10 personally or by certified mail. Within 20 days after the  
11 service, the licensee or applicant may present the Secretary  
12 with a motion in writing for either a rehearing, a proposed  
13 finding of fact, a conclusion of law, or an alternative  
14 sanction, and shall specify the particular grounds for the  
15 request. If the accused orders a transcript of the record as  
16 provided in this Act, the time elapsing thereafter and before  
17 the transcript is ready for delivery to the accused shall not  
18 be counted as part of the 20 days. If the Secretary is not  
19 satisfied that substantial justice has been done, the Secretary  
20 may order a rehearing by the Board or other special committee  
21 appointed by the Secretary, may remand the matter to the Board  
22 for its reconsideration of the matter based on the pleadings  
23 and evidence presented to the Board, or may enter a final order  
24 in contravention of the Board's recommendation.  
25 Notwithstanding a licensee's or applicant's failure to file a  
26 motion for rehearing, the Secretary shall have the right to

1 take any of the actions specified in this subsection (d). Upon  
2 the suspension or revocation of a license, the licensee shall  
3 be required to surrender his or her license to the Department,  
4 and upon failure or refusal to do so, the Department shall have  
5 the right to seize the license.

6 (e) The Department has the power to issue subpoenas and  
7 subpoenas duces tecum to bring before it any person in this  
8 State, to take testimony, or to require production of any  
9 records relevant to an inquiry or hearing by the Board in the  
10 same manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in the  
11 courts of this State. In a case of refusal of a witness to  
12 attend, testify, or to produce books or papers concerning a  
13 matter upon which he or she might be lawfully examined, the  
14 circuit court of the county where the hearing is held, upon  
15 application of the Department or any party to the proceeding,  
16 may compel obedience by proceedings as for contempt.

17 (f) Any license that is suspended indefinitely or revoked  
18 may not be restored for a minimum period of 2 years, or as  
19 otherwise ordered by the Secretary.

20 (g) In addition to the provisions of this Section  
21 concerning the conduct of hearings and the recommendations for  
22 discipline, the Department has the authority to negotiate  
23 disciplinary and non-disciplinary settlement agreements  
24 concerning any license issued under this Act. All such  
25 agreements shall be recorded as Consent Orders or Consent to  
26 Administrative Supervision Orders.



1 (h) The Secretary shall have the authority to appoint an  
2 attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois  
3 to serve as the hearing officer in any action to suspend,  
4 revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by the  
5 Department. The Hearing Officer shall have full authority to  
6 conduct the hearing.

7 (i) The Department, at its expense, shall preserve a record  
8 of all formal hearings of any contested case involving the  
9 discipline of a license. At all hearings or pre-hearing  
10 conferences, the Department and the licensee shall be entitled  
11 to have the proceedings transcribed by a certified shorthand  
12 reporter or certified voice writer reporter. A copy of the  
13 transcribed proceedings shall be made available to the licensee  
14 by the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer  
15 reporter upon payment of the prevailing contract copy rate.

16 (Source: P.A. 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.)

17 Section 55. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing  
18 Section 15 as follows:

19 (225 ILCS 605/15) (from Ch. 8, par. 315)

20 Sec. 15. Any person affected by a final administrative  
21 decision of the Department may have such decision reviewed  
22 judicially by the circuit court of the county wherein such  
23 person resides, or in the case of a corporation, wherein the  
24 registered office is located. If the plaintiff in the review

1 proceeding is not a resident of this state, the venue shall be  
2 in Sangamon County. The provisions of the Administrative Review  
3 Law, and all amendments and modifications thereof, and the  
4 rules adopted pursuant thereto, shall apply to and govern all  
5 proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative  
6 decisions of the Department hereunder. The term  
7 "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101 of the  
8 Code of Civil Procedure.

9 The Department shall not be required to certify the record  
10 of the proceeding unless the plaintiff in the review  
11 proceedings has purchased a copy from the certified shorthand  
12 reporter or certified voice writer reporter who prepared the  
13 record. Exhibits shall be certified without cost.

14 (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

15 Section 60. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by  
16 changing Section 7-9 as follows:

17 (235 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 43, par. 153)

18 Sec. 7-9. Except as provided in this Section, any order or  
19 action of a local liquor control commissioner levying a fine or  
20 refusing to levy a fine on a licensee, granting or refusing to  
21 grant a license, revoking or suspending or refusing to revoke  
22 or suspend a license or refusing for more than 30 days to grant  
23 a hearing upon a complaint to revoke or suspend a license may,  
24 within 20 days after notice of such order or action, be

1 appealed by any resident of the political subdivision under the  
2 jurisdiction of the local liquor control commissioner or any  
3 person interested, to the State Commission.

4 In any case where a licensee appeals to the State  
5 Commission from an order or action of the local liquor control  
6 commission having the effect of suspending or revoking a  
7 license, denying a renewal application, or refusing to grant a  
8 license, the licensee shall resume the operation of the  
9 licensed business pending the decision of the State Commission  
10 and the expiration of the time allowed for an application for  
11 rehearing. If an application for rehearing is filed, the  
12 licensee shall continue the operation of the licensed business  
13 until the denial of the application or, if the rehearing is  
14 granted, until the decision on rehearing.

15 In any case in which a licensee appeals to the State  
16 Commission a suspension or revocation by a local liquor control  
17 commissioner that is the second or subsequent such suspension  
18 or revocation placed on that licensee within the preceding 12  
19 month period, the licensee shall consider the suspension or  
20 revocation to be in effect until a reversal of the local liquor  
21 control commissioner's action has been issued by the State  
22 Commission and shall cease all activity otherwise authorized by  
23 the license. The State Commission shall expedite, to the  
24 greatest extent possible, its consideration of any appeal that  
25 is an appeal of a second or subsequent suspension or revocation  
26 within the past 12 month period.

1           The appeal shall be limited to a review of the official  
2 record of the proceedings of such local liquor control  
3 commissioner if the county board, city council or board of  
4 trustees, as the case may be, has adopted a resolution  
5 requiring that such review be on the record. If such resolution  
6 is adopted, a certified official record of the proceedings  
7 taken and prepared by a certified court reporter, ~~or~~ certified  
8 shorthand reporter, or certified voice writer reporter shall be  
9 filed by the local liquor control commissioner within 5 days  
10 after notice of the filing of such appeal, if the appellant  
11 licensee pays for the cost of the transcript. The State  
12 Commission shall review the propriety of the order or action of  
13 the local liquor control commissioner and shall consider the  
14 following questions:

15           (a) whether the local liquor control commissioner has  
16 proceeded in the manner provided by law;

17           (b) whether the order is supported by the findings;

18           (c) whether the findings are supported by substantial  
19 evidence in the light of the whole record.

20           The only evidence which may be considered in the review,  
21 shall be the evidence found in the certified official record of  
22 the proceedings of the local liquor control commissioner. No  
23 new or additional evidence shall be admitted or considered. The  
24 State Commission shall render a decision affirming, reversing  
25 or modifying the order or action reviewed within 30 days after  
26 the appeal was heard.

1           In the event such appeal is from an order of a local liquor  
2 control commissioner of a city, village or incorporated town of  
3 500,000 or more inhabitants, granting or refusing to grant a  
4 license or refusing for more than 30 days to grant a hearing  
5 upon a complaint to revoke or suspend a license, the matter of  
6 the propriety of such order or action shall be tried de novo by  
7 the license appeal commission as expeditiously as  
8 circumstances permit.

9           In the event such appeal is from an order or action of a  
10 local liquor control commissioner of a city, village or  
11 incorporated town of 500,000 or more inhabitants, imposing a  
12 fine or refusing to impose a fine on a licensee, revoking or  
13 suspending or refusing to revoke or suspend a license, the  
14 license appeal commission shall determine the appeal by a  
15 review of the official record of the proceedings of such local  
16 liquor control commissioner. A certified record of the  
17 proceedings shall be promptly filed with the license appeal  
18 commission by such local liquor control commissioner after  
19 notice of the filing of such appeal if the appellant licensee  
20 pays for the cost of the transcript and promptly delivers the  
21 transcript to the local liquor control commission or its  
22 attorney. The review by the license appeal commission shall be  
23 limited to the questions:

24           (a) whether the local liquor control commissioner has  
25 proceeded in the manner provided by law;

26           (b) whether the order is supported by the findings;

1 (c) whether the findings are supported by substantial  
2 evidence in the light of the whole record.

3 No new or additional evidence in support of or in opposition to  
4 such order or action under appeal shall be received other than  
5 that contained in such record of the proceedings. Within 30  
6 days after such appeal was heard, the license appeal commission  
7 shall render its decision in accordance with the provisions of  
8 Section 7-5.

9 In cities, villages and incorporated towns having a  
10 population of 500,000 or more inhabitants, appeals from any  
11 order or action shall lie to the license appeal commission of  
12 such city, village or incorporated town. All of the provisions  
13 of this Section and Section 7-10 relative to proceedings upon  
14 appeals before the State Commission and relative to appeals  
15 from the decisions of the State Commission shall apply also to  
16 proceedings upon appeals before any license appeal commission  
17 and appeals from the decisions of license appeal commission.

18 In any trial de novo hearing before the State Commission or  
19 license appeal commission, the local liquor control  
20 commissioner shall be entitled to 10 days notice and to be  
21 heard. All such trial de novo hearings shall be open to the  
22 public and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the  
23 license appeal commission shall reduce all evidence offered  
24 thereto to writing.

25 If after trial de novo hearing or review as provided  
26 herein, the State Commission or the license appeal commission

1 (as the case may be) shall decide that the license has been  
2 improperly issued, denied, revoked, suspended or refused to be  
3 revoked or suspended or a hearing to revoke or suspend has been  
4 improperly refused or that the licensee has been improperly  
5 fined or not fined, it shall enter an order in conformity with  
6 such findings, which order shall be in writing.

7 A certified copy of the order shall be transmitted to the  
8 particular local liquor control commissioner and it shall be  
9 the duty of the local liquor control commissioner to take such  
10 action as may be necessary to conform with the order.

11 In any trial de novo hearing before the State Commission or  
12 the license appeal commission, the licensee shall submit to  
13 examination and produce books and records material to the  
14 business conducted under the license in like manner as before  
15 the local liquor control commissioner, and the failure of the  
16 licensee to submit to such an examination or to produce such  
17 books and records, or to appear at the hearing on such appeal,  
18 shall constitute an admission that he has violated the  
19 provisions of this Act. In the event the appeal is from an  
20 order of the local liquor control commissioner denying a  
21 renewal application, the licensee shall have on deposit with  
22 the local liquor control commissioner an amount sufficient to  
23 cover the license fee for the renewal period and any bond that  
24 may be required.

25 (Source: P.A. 88-613, eff. 1-1-95.)

1           Section 65. The Salvage Warehouse and Salvage Warehouse  
2 Store Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

3           (240 ILCS 30/10) (from Ch. 114, par. 410)

4           Sec. 10. The Department, at its expense, shall provide a  
5 stenographer to take down the testimony and preserve a record  
6 of all proceedings at the hearing of any case involving the  
7 refusal to issue or renew, or the suspension or revocation of a  
8 license. The notice of hearing, complaint and all other  
9 documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed  
10 in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, and orders of  
11 the Department shall be the record of such proceedings. Any  
12 interested person may purchase a copy of the transcript of the  
13 record from the certified shorthand reporter or certified voice  
14 writer reporter who prepared the record.

15           In any case involving the refusal to issue or renew or the  
16 suspension or revocation of a license, a copy of the  
17 Department's report shall be served upon the respondent by the  
18 Department, either personally or by registered or certified  
19 mail as provided in this Act for the service of the notice of  
20 hearing. Within 20 days after such service, the respondent may  
21 present to the Department a motion in writing for a rehearing,  
22 which written motion shall specify the particular grounds  
23 therefor. If no motion for rehearing is filed, then upon the  
24 expiration of the time specified for filing such a motion, or  
25 if a motion for rehearing is denied, then upon such denial, the



1 Director may enter an order. If the respondent shall order and  
2 pay for a transcript of the record within the time for filing a  
3 motion for rehearing, the 20 day period within which such a  
4 motion may be filed shall commence upon the delivery of the  
5 transcript to the respondent.

6 (Source: P.A. 81-750.)

7 Section 70. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
8 changing Section 5-5-5 as follows:

9 (730 ILCS 5/5-5-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-5-5)

10 Sec. 5-5-5. Loss and restoration of rights.

11 (a) Conviction and disposition shall not entail the loss by  
12 the defendant of any civil rights, except under this Section  
13 and Sections 29-6 and 29-10 of The Election Code, as now or  
14 hereafter amended.

15 (b) A person convicted of a felony shall be ineligible to  
16 hold an office created by the Constitution of this State until  
17 the completion of his sentence.

18 (c) A person sentenced to imprisonment shall lose his right  
19 to vote until released from imprisonment.

20 (d) On completion of sentence of imprisonment or upon  
21 discharge from probation, conditional discharge or periodic  
22 imprisonment, or at any time thereafter, all license rights and  
23 privileges granted under the authority of this State which have  
24 been revoked or suspended because of conviction of an offense

1 shall be restored unless the authority having jurisdiction of  
2 such license rights finds after investigation and hearing that  
3 restoration is not in the public interest. This paragraph (d)  
4 shall not apply to the suspension or revocation of a license to  
5 operate a motor vehicle under the Illinois Vehicle Code.

6 (e) Upon a person's discharge from incarceration or parole,  
7 or upon a person's discharge from probation or at any time  
8 thereafter, the committing court may enter an order certifying  
9 that the sentence has been satisfactorily completed when the  
10 court believes it would assist in the rehabilitation of the  
11 person and be consistent with the public welfare. Such order  
12 may be entered upon the motion of the defendant or the State or  
13 upon the court's own motion.

14 (f) Upon entry of the order, the court shall issue to the  
15 person in whose favor the order has been entered a certificate  
16 stating that his behavior after conviction has warranted the  
17 issuance of the order.

18 (g) This Section shall not affect the right of a defendant  
19 to collaterally attack his conviction or to rely on it in bar  
20 of subsequent proceedings for the same offense.

21 (h) No application for any license specified in subsection  
22 (i) of this Section granted under the authority of this State  
23 shall be denied by reason of an eligible offender who has  
24 obtained a certificate of relief from disabilities, as defined  
25 in Article 5.5 of this Chapter, having been previously  
26 convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a

1 finding of lack of "good moral character" when the finding is  
2 based upon the fact that the applicant has previously been  
3 convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

4 (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more  
5 of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license  
6 sought; or

7 (2) the issuance of the license would involve an  
8 unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare  
9 of specific individuals or the general public.

10 In making such a determination, the licensing agency shall  
11 consider the following factors:

12 (1) the public policy of this State, as expressed in  
13 Article 5.5 of this Chapter, to encourage the licensure and  
14 employment of persons previously convicted of one or more  
15 criminal offenses;

16 (2) the specific duties and responsibilities  
17 necessarily related to the license being sought;

18 (3) the bearing, if any, the criminal offenses or  
19 offenses for which the person was previously convicted will  
20 have on his or her fitness or ability to perform one or  
21 more such duties and responsibilities;

22 (4) the time which has elapsed since the occurrence of  
23 the criminal offense or offenses;

24 (5) the age of the person at the time of occurrence of  
25 the criminal offense or offenses;

26 (6) the seriousness of the offense or offenses;

1           (7) any information produced by the person or produced  
2           on his or her behalf in regard to his or her rehabilitation  
3           and good conduct, including a certificate of relief from  
4           disabilities issued to the applicant, which certificate  
5           shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to  
6           the offense or offenses specified in the certificate; and

7           (8) the legitimate interest of the licensing agency in  
8           protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific  
9           individuals or the general public.

10          (i) A certificate of relief from disabilities shall be  
11          issued only for a license or certification issued under the  
12          following Acts:

13               (1) the Animal Welfare Act; except that a certificate  
14               of relief from disabilities may not be granted to provide  
15               for the issuance or restoration of a license under the  
16               Animal Welfare Act for any person convicted of violating  
17               Section 3, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.03-1, or 4.01 of the Humane  
18               Care for Animals Act or Section 26-5 or 48-1 of the  
19               Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012;

20               (2) the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act;

21               (3) the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding,  
22               and Nail Technology Act of 1985;

23               (4) the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation  
24               Act;

25               (5) the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act;

26               (6) the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and

1        Voice Writer Reporters Act of 1984;

2            (7) the Illinois Farm Labor Contractor Certification  
3 Act;

4            (8) the Registered Interior Designers Act;

5            (9) the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of  
6 1989;

7            (10) the Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989;

8            (11) the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act;

9            (12) the Private Employment Agency Act;

10           (13) the Professional Counselor and Clinical  
11 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act;

12           (14) the Real Estate License Act of 2000;

13           (15) the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act;

14           (16) the Professional Engineering Practice Act of  
15 1989;

16           (17) the Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's  
17 License Act;

18           (18) the Electrologist Licensing Act;

19           (19) the Auction License Act;

20           (20) the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989;

21           (21) the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act;

22           (22) the Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing  
23 Act;

24           (23) the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing  
25 Code;

26           (24) (blank);

1           (25) the Professional Geologist Licensing Act;  
2           (26) the Illinois Public Accounting Act; and  
3           (27) the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.  
4           (Source: P.A. 100-534, eff. 9-22-17; 100-920, eff. 8-17-18.)

5           Section 75. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by  
6           changing Section 2-1003 as follows:

7           (735 ILCS 5/2-1003) (from Ch. 110, par. 2-1003)

8           Sec. 2-1003. Discovery and depositions.

9           (a) Discovery, such as admissions of fact and of  
10          genuineness of documents, physical and mental examinations of  
11          parties and other persons, the taking of any depositions, and  
12          interrogatories, shall be in accordance with rules.

13          (b) (Blank).

14          (c) (Blank).

15          (d) Whenever the defendant in any litigation in this State  
16          has the right to demand a physical or mental examination of the  
17          plaintiff pursuant to statute or Supreme Court Rule, relative  
18          to the occurrence and extent of injuries or damages for which  
19          claim is made, or in connection with the plaintiff's capacity  
20          to exercise any right plaintiff has, or would have but for a  
21          finding based upon such examination, the plaintiff has the  
22          right to have his or her attorney, or such other person as the  
23          plaintiff may wish, present at such physical or mental  
24          examination.

1 (e) No person or organization shall be required to furnish  
2 claims, loss or risk management information held or provided by  
3 an insurer, which information is described in Section 143.10a  
4 of the "Illinois Insurance Code".

5 (f) Unless a verbatim record of the testimony or deposition  
6 is prepared and certified by an individual certified under the  
7 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer  
8 Reporters Act, no testimony taken in any litigation in this  
9 State by deposition shall be offered in any court in this State  
10 and no testimony offered in the record of administrative  
11 proceedings in an appeal under the Administrative Review Law  
12 shall be offered as part of the administrative record.  
13 Testimony taken outside of this State shall be deemed to be in  
14 conformity with this Section if the testimony was prepared and  
15 certified by a court reporter authorized to prepare and certify  
16 deposition testimony in the jurisdiction in which the testimony  
17 was taken.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-110, eff. 1-1-16.)

19 Section 80. The Illinois Pre-Need Cemetery Sales Act is  
20 amended by changing Sections 9 and 11 as follows:

21 (815 ILCS 390/9) (from Ch. 21, par. 209)

22 Sec. 9. The Comptroller may upon his own motion investigate  
23 the actions of any person providing, selling, or offering  
24 pre-need sales contracts or of any applicant or any person or

1 persons holding or claiming to hold a license under this Act.  
2 The Comptroller shall make such an investigation on receipt of  
3 the verified written complaint of any person setting forth  
4 facts which, if proved, would constitute grounds for refusal,  
5 suspension, or revocation of a license. Before refusing to  
6 issue, and before suspension or revocation of a license, the  
7 Comptroller shall hold a hearing to determine whether the  
8 applicant or licensee, hereafter called the respondent, is  
9 entitled to hold such a license. At least 10 days prior to the  
10 date set for such hearing, the Comptroller shall notify the  
11 respondent in writing that on the date designated a hearing  
12 will be held to determine his eligibility for a license and  
13 that he may appear in person or by counsel. Such written notice  
14 may be served on the respondent personally, or by registered or  
15 certified mail sent to the respondent's business address as  
16 shown in his latest notification to the Comptroller and shall  
17 include sufficient information to inform the respondent of the  
18 general nature of the charge. At the hearing, both the  
19 respondent and the complainant shall be accorded ample  
20 opportunity to present in person or by counsel such statements,  
21 testimony, evidence and argument as may be pertinent to the  
22 charges or to any defense thereto. The Comptroller may  
23 reasonably continue such hearing from time to time.

24 The Comptroller may subpoena any person or persons in this  
25 State and take testimony orally, by deposition or by exhibit,  
26 in the same manner and with the same fees and mileage as



1 prescribed in judicial proceedings in civil cases.

2 Any authorized agent of the Comptroller may administer  
3 oaths to witnesses at any hearing which the Comptroller is  
4 authorized to conduct.

5 The Comptroller, at his expense, shall provide a certified  
6 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter to take  
7 down the testimony and preserve a record of all proceedings at  
8 the hearing of any case involving the refusal to issue a  
9 license, the suspension or revocation of a license, the  
10 imposition of a monetary penalty, or the referral of a case for  
11 criminal prosecution. The record of any such proceeding shall  
12 consist of the notice of hearing, complaint, all other  
13 documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed  
14 in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony and the report  
15 and orders of the Comptroller. Copies of the transcript of such  
16 record may be purchased from the certified shorthand reporter  
17 or certified voice writer reporter who prepared the record or  
18 from the Comptroller.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-419, eff. 1-1-02.)

20 (815 ILCS 390/11) (from Ch. 21, par. 211)

21 Sec. 11. Any person affected by a final administrative  
22 decision of the Comptroller may have such decision reviewed  
23 judicially by the circuit court of the county where such person  
24 resides, or in the case of a corporation, where the registered  
25 office is located. If the plaintiff in the review proceeding is

1 not a resident of this State, venue shall be in Sangamon  
2 County. The provisions of the "Administrative Review Law",  
3 approved August 19, 1981, all amendments and modifications  
4 thereto, and any rules adopted under it govern all proceedings  
5 for the judicial review of final administrative decisions of  
6 the Comptroller. The term "administrative decision" is defined  
7 as in the "Administrative Review Law".

8 The Comptroller is not required to certify the record of  
9 the proceeding unless the plaintiff in the review proceedings  
10 has purchased a copy of the transcript from the certified  
11 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter who  
12 prepared the record or from the Comptroller. Exhibits shall be  
13 certified without cost.

14 (Source: P.A. 84-239.)

15 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
16 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
17 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
18 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
19 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
20 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
21 Public Act.