**Section 310.20 Definitions**

The definitions below have the following meanings:

 "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the State of Illinois.

*"Contested Case" means an adjudicatory proceeding in which the individual legal rights, duties or privileges of a party are required by law to be determined by* the Office of the Comptroller *only after an opportunity for a hearing.* [5 ILCS 100/1-30]

 "Department" means any Department within the Office of the Comptroller.

 "Director" means the Director of the Department or duly appointed Acting Director, or, in the Director's absence from the State or in any event of the Director's incapacity to act, the Director's next immediate subordinate officer within the Department.

 "Hearing" means any hearing of a contested case authorized to be held by the Comptroller.

"Hearing Officer" means the presiding officer at the initial hearing and each continuation of that hearing.

 "Licensee" means any holder of a license issued by the Comptroller or any applicant for a license.

*"Licensing" includes the* Office of the Comptroller *process respecting the grant, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license.* [5 ILCS 100/140]

*"Order" means an* Office of the Comptroller *action of particular applicability that determines the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of one or more specific persons.* [5 ILCS 100/1-50]

*"Party" means each person or* entity *named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.* [5 ILCS 100/1-55]

*"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization of any character.* [5 ILCS 100/1-60]

 "Petitioner" is a party who, by written petition or application, seeks relief or licensure under any provision of the Statutes of the State of Illinois or any rule, order or determination of the Comptroller.

 "Respondent" is a person, firm, association or corporation against whom a complaint or petition is filed or to whom an order or complaint is directed by the Comptroller initiating a proceeding.

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