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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984. Provides that the practice of shorthand reporting includes the making of a verbatim record by the use of closed microphone voice dictation silencer and pen shorthand writing. Removes the requirement that certified shorthand reporters serving the Certified Shorthand Reporters Board must have actively engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting in this State for 10 years. Changes provisions concerning qualifications and applications. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may certify an applicant who is a certified verbatim reporter or registered professional reporter of another jurisdiction as a certified shorthand reporter. Makes provisions of the Act gender neutral. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2021.

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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 Acts and Section repealed on January 1, 2024.
8 The following Acts and Section of an Act are repealed on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 Sec. 3.40. EMS System Participation Suspensions and Due
22 Process.

23 (a) An EMS Medical Director may suspend from participation
24 within the System any EMS personnel, EMS Lead Instructor (LI),

1 individual, individual provider or other participant
2 considered not to be meeting the requirements of the Program
3 Plan of that approved EMS System.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Board; or

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

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

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

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

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

24 (d) Upon issuance of a suspension order for reasons
25 directly related to medical care, the EMS Medical Director
26 shall also provide the individual or entity with the

1 opportunity for a hearing before the local System review board,
2 in accordance with subsection (f) and the rules promulgated by
3 the Department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (225 ILCS 45/3b) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103b)

18 Sec. 3b. The Comptroller, at his expense, shall provide a
19 certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer
20 reporter to take down the testimony and preserve a record of
21 all proceedings at the hearing of any case involving the
22 refusal to issue or renew a license, the suspension or
23 revocation of a license, the imposition of a monetary penalty,
24 or the referral of a case for criminal prosecution. The record

1 of any such proceeding shall consist of the notice of hearing,
2 complaint, all other documents in the nature of pleadings and
3 written motions filed in the proceedings, the transcript of
4 testimony and the report and orders of the Comptroller. Copies
5 of the transcript of such record may be purchased from the
6 certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer
7 reporter who prepared the record.

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

9 (225 ILCS 45/3d) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73.103d)

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

22 The Comptroller is not required to certify the record of
23 the proceeding unless the plaintiff in the review proceedings
24 has purchased a copy of the transcript from the certified
25 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter who

1 prepared the record. Exhibits shall be certified without cost.

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

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

5 (225 ILCS 60/39) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-39)

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

7 Sec. 39. Certified shorthand reporter or certified voice
8 writer reporter; record. The Department, at its expense, shall
9 provide 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 wherein a
12 license may be revoked, suspended, placed on probationary
13 status, or other disciplinary action taken with regard thereto
14 in accordance with Section 2105-115 of the Department of
15 Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
16 Illinois. The notice of hearing, complaint and all other
17 documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed
18 in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the report of
19 the hearing officer, exhibits, the report of the Board, and the
20 orders of the Department constitute the record of the
21 proceedings.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-429, eff. 8-25-17; 101-316, eff. 8-9-19.)

23 Section 35. The Illinois Explosives Act is amended by

1 changing Section 5004 as follows

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

3 Sec. 5004. Record of proceedings; transcript. The
4 Department or aggrieved party may provide at its or his or her
5 expense 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 involving
8 denial or refusal to issue or renew a license or certificate,
9 or the suspension or revocation or other discipline of a
10 license or certificate. Copies of the transcript of such record
11 may be purchased from the certified shorthand reporter or
12 certified voice writer reporter who prepared the record.

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

14 Section 40. The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act
15 of 1984 is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6,
16 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 23.1, 23.3, 23.4, 23.10,
17 23.13, 25, 26, and 28 as follows:

18 (225 ILCS 415/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 6201)

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

20 Sec. 1. The practice of shorthand reporting and voice
21 writer reporting in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to
22 affect the public health, safety and welfare and to be subject
23 to regulation and control in the public interest. This Act is

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

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

15 (225 ILCS 415/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 6202)

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

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

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

20 (225 ILCS 415/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 6203)

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

22 Sec. 3. License required. No person may practice shorthand
23 reporting or voice writer reporting on a temporary or permanent
24 basis in this State without being certified under this Act.

1 This Act does not prohibit any non-resident practicing
2 shorthand reporter or non-resident practicing voice writer
3 reporter from practicing shorthand reporting or voice writer
4 reporting in this State as to one single proceeding.

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

6 (225 ILCS 415/3.5)

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

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

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

20 (b) The Department has the authority and power to
21 investigate any and all unlicensed activity.

22 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after
23 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The
24 order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and
25 execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from

1 any court of record.

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

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

5 (225 ILCS 415/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 6204)

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

7 Sec. 4. In this Act:

8 (1) "Department" means the Department of Financial and
9 Professional Regulation.

10 (2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
11 Professional Regulation.

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

14 (4) "The practice of shorthand reporting" means reporting,
15 by the use of any system of manual or mechanical shorthand
16 writing, of Grand Jury proceedings, court proceedings, court
17 related proceedings, pretrial examinations, depositions,
18 motions and related proceedings of like character, or
19 proceedings of an administrative agency when the final decision
20 of the agency with reference thereto is likely to be subject to
21 judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative
22 Review Law.

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

1 (6) "Stenographic notes" means the original notes by manual
2 or mechanical shorthand, voice writing, or shorthand writing
3 taken by a shorthand reporter or voice writer reporter of a
4 proceeding while in attendance at such proceeding for the
5 purpose of reporting the same.

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

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

23 (9) "Voice writer notes" means the original record by voice
24 dictation taken by a voice writer reporter of a proceeding
25 while in attendance at such proceeding for the purpose of
26 reporting the same.

1 (10) "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. Use of titles.~~Title.~~

8 (a) Every person to whom a valid existing certificate as a
9 certified shorthand reporter has been issued under this Act
10 shall be designated as a Certified Shorthand Reporter and not
11 otherwise, and any such certified shorthand reporter may, in
12 connection with his or her practice of shorthand reporting, use
13 the abbreviation "C.S.R." or the title "Court Reporter".

14 (b) Every person to whom a valid existing certificate as a
15 certified voice writer reporter has been issued under this Act
16 shall be designated as a certified voice writer reporter and
17 not otherwise, and any such certified voice writer reporter
18 may, in connection with his or her practice of voice writer
19 reporting use the abbreviation "C.V.W.R." or "Court Reporter".

20 (c) No person other than the holder of a valid existing
21 certificate under this Act shall use the applicable titles or
22 designations authorized under this Section. A person may hold
23 valid certificates both as a certified shorthand reporter and
24 as a certified voice writer reporter under this Act and may use
25 the titles authorized by this Section in connection with his or

1 ~~her profession or business. No person other than the holder of~~
2 ~~a valid existing certificate under this Act shall use the title~~
3 ~~or designation of "Certified Shorthand Reporter", "Court~~
4 ~~Reporter", or "C.S.R.", either directly or indirectly in~~
5 ~~connection with his or her profession or business.~~

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

7 (225 ILCS 415/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 6206)

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

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

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

20 (225 ILCS 415/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 6208)

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

22 Sec. 8. Certified Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer
23 Reporters Board. The Secretary shall appoint a Certified
24 Shorthand Reporters and Voice Writer Reporters Board as

1 follows: 7 persons who shall be appointed by and shall serve in
2 an advisory capacity to the Secretary. At least 5 ~~Six~~ members
3 must be certified shorthand reporters, in good standing, and
4 actively engaged in the practice of shorthand reporting in this
5 State for at least 10 ~~ten~~ years who have not been subject to
6 disciplinary action during the 10 years immediately prior to
7 the date of appointment to the Board. One member may be a
8 certified voice writer reporter who either is actively engaged
9 in the practice of voice writer reporting and is in good
10 standing in this State or is actively engaged in the practice
11 of voice writer reporting and in good standing in another
12 jurisdiction and has applied for certification in this State,
13 and has not been subject to disciplinary action during the 10
14 years immediately prior to the date of appointment to the
15 Board. One, ~~and one~~ member must be a member of the public who
16 is not certified under this Act, or a similar Act of another
17 jurisdiction. Members of the Board shall have no liability in
18 any action based upon any disciplinary proceeding or other
19 activity performed in good faith as members of the Board.

20 Members shall serve 4 year terms and until their successors
21 are appointed and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to
22 the Board for a term that would cause his or her continuous
23 service on the Board to be longer than 2 full consecutive
24 terms. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same
25 manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of
26 the vacated term.

1 In making appointments to the Board, the Secretary shall
2 give consideration to recommendations by national and State
3 organizations of the shorthand reporter and voice writer
4 reporter professions ~~profession~~.

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

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

10 The Secretary shall consider the recommendations of the
11 Board on questions involving standards of professional
12 conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and
13 certificate holders under this Act.

14 Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all
15 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in
16 attending the meetings of the Board.

17 Members of the Board have no liability in any action based
18 upon any disciplinary proceedings or other activity performed
19 in good faith as members of the Board.

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

21 (225 ILCS 415/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 6209)

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

23 Sec. 9. Qualifications. Applications for original
24 certificates shall be made to the Department in writing on
25 forms prescribed by the Department and shall be accompanied by

1 the required fee, which shall not be returnable. Any such
2 application shall require such information as in the judgment
3 of the Department will enable the Department to pass on the
4 qualifications of the applicant for certification.

5 In determining competency, the Department shall require
6 proof that the applicant has a good understanding of the
7 English language, including reading, spelling and vocabulary,
8 and that the applicant has sufficient ability to accurately
9 report any of the matters comprising the practice of shorthand
10 reporting or the practice of voice writer reporting, as herein
11 defined, by the use of any system of manual or mechanical
12 shorthand or shorthand writing or by the use of voice writing,
13 and a clear understanding of obligations between a shorthand
14 reporter and a voice writer reporter and the parties to any
15 proceedings reported, as well as the provisions of this Act.

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

17 (225 ILCS 415/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 6210)

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

19 Sec. 10. The Department shall authorize examinations at
20 such time and place as it may designate. The examination shall
21 be of a character to give a fair test of the qualifications of
22 the applicant to practice shorthand reporting or to practice
23 voice writer reporting.

24 Applicants for examination as certified shorthand
25 reporters and for examination as certified voice writer

1 reporters shall be required to pay, either to the Department or
2 the designated testing service, a fee covering the cost of
3 providing the examination. Failure to appear for the
4 examination on the scheduled date, at the time and place
5 specified, after the applicant's application for examination
6 has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the
7 designated testing service, shall result in the forfeiture of
8 the examination fee.

9 If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take the next
10 available examination offered or fails to pass an examination
11 for certification under this Act, the application shall be
12 denied. If an applicant for examination for certification under
13 this Act fails to pass the examination within 3 years after
14 filing his application, the application shall be denied.
15 However, such applicant may thereafter make a new application
16 accompanied by the required fee.

17 The Department may employ consultants for the purpose of
18 preparing and conducting examinations.

19 An applicant has one year from the date of notification of
20 successful completion of the examination to apply to the
21 Department for a license. If an applicant fails to apply within
22 one year, the applicant shall be required to take and pass the
23 examination again unless licensed in another jurisdiction of
24 the United States within one year of passing the examination.

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

1 (225 ILCS 415/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6211)
2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

3 Sec. 11. Qualifications; application.

4 (a) A person shall be qualified for certification as a
5 certified shorthand reporter if:

6 (1) ~~A.~~ That person has applied in writing in form and
7 substance to the Department~~;~~ and:

8 (A) ~~(1)~~ (Blank);

9 (B) ~~(2)~~ Is of good moral character, the
10 determination of which shall take into account but not
11 be totally based upon any felony conviction of the
12 applicant; and

13 (C) ~~(3)~~ Has graduated from a high school or
14 secondary school or its equivalent; and

15 (2) ~~B.~~ That person has successfully completed the
16 examination authorized by the Department.

17 Additional qualifications for the practice of
18 shorthand reporting may be set by the Department by rule.

19 (b) A person shall be qualified for certification as a
20 certified voice writer reporter if:

21 (1) that person has applied in writing in form and
22 substance to the Department;

23 (2) is of good moral character, the determination of
24 which shall take into account but not totally be based upon
25 any felony conviction of the applicant;

26 (3) has graduated from a high school or secondary

1 school or its equivalent;

2 (4) is trained in a voice writing method of reporting
3 as evidenced by a certificate of completion issued by the
4 school;

5 (5) has successfully completed the examination
6 authorized by the Department; and

7 (6) submits an official copy of a Certified Verbatim
8 Reporter or Certificate of Merit of examination issued by a
9 national organization offering a professionally validated
10 certification program or submits a certification of
11 successful completion of an examination from another
12 jurisdiction that is the equivalent of the examination
13 authorized by the Department.

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

15 (225 ILCS 415/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 6213)

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

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

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

24 (225 ILCS 415/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 6214)

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

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

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

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

25 However, any certified shorthand reporter or certified
26 voice writer reporter whose certificate expired while he or she

1 was (1) in Federal Service on active duty with the Armed Forces
2 of the United States, or the State Militia called into service
3 or training, or (2) in training or education under the
4 supervision of the United States preliminary to induction into
5 the military service, may have his or her certificate renewed
6 or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees if within 2
7 years after termination of such service, training or education
8 except under conditions other than honorable, he or she
9 furnished the Department with satisfactory evidence to the
10 effect that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her
11 service, training or education has been so terminated.

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

13 (225 ILCS 415/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 6215)

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

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

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

1 Any certified shorthand reporter or certified voice writer
2 reporter whose certificate is in an inactive status shall not
3 practice shorthand reporting or voice writer reporting in the
4 State of Illinois.

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

6 (225 ILCS 415/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 6216)

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

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

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

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

1 (225 ILCS 415/23) (from Ch. 111, par. 6223)

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

3 Sec. 23. Grounds for disciplinary action.

4 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may
5 revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand or take other
6 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may
7 deem appropriate, including imposing fines not to exceed
8 \$10,000 for each violation and the assessment of costs as
9 provided for in Section 23.3 of this Act, with regard to any
10 license for any one or combination of the following:

11 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
12 the Department;

13 (2) Violations of this Act, or of the rules promulgated
14 thereunder;

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

24 (4) Fraud or any misrepresentation in applying for or
25 procuring a license under this Act or in connection with
26 applying for renewal of a license under this Act;

1 (5) Professional incompetence;

2 (6) Aiding or assisting another person, firm,
3 partnership or corporation in violating any provision of
4 this Act or rules;

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (13) Willfully making or filing false records or
5 reports in the practice of shorthand reporting or in the
6 practice of voice writer reporting, including but not
7 limited to false records filed with State agencies or
8 departments;

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

13 (15) Solicitation of professional services other than
14 by permitted advertising;

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

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

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

21 (19) Willful alteration of a transcript of
22 stenographic notes taken at any proceeding;

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

1 (21) Willful failure to systematically retain
2 stenographic notes or transcripts on paper or any
3 electronic media for 10 years from the date that the notes
4 or transcripts were taken;

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

7 (23) Establishing contingent fees as a basis of
8 compensation;

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

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

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

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

18 All fines imposed under this Section shall be paid within
19 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the fine
20 or in accordance with the terms set forth in the order imposing
21 the fine.

22 (b) The determination by a circuit court that a certificate
23 holder is subject to involuntary admission or judicial
24 admission as provided in the Mental Health and Developmental
25 Disabilities Code, operates as an automatic suspension. Such
26 suspension will end only upon a finding by a court that the

1 patient is no longer subject to involuntary admission or
2 judicial admission, an order by the court so finding and
3 discharging the patient. In any case where a license is
4 suspended under this Section, the licensee may file a petition
5 for restoration and shall include evidence acceptable to the
6 Department that the licensee can resume practice in compliance
7 with acceptable and prevailing standards of the profession.

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

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

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

17 The Department may order the examining physician or any
18 member of the multidisciplinary team to provide to the
19 Department any and all records, including business records,
20 that relate to the examination and evaluation, including any
21 supplemental testing performed. The Department may order the
22 examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team
23 to present testimony concerning this examination and
24 evaluation of the certified shorthand reporter, certified
25 voice writer reporter, or applicant, including testimony
26 concerning any supplemental testing or documents relating to

1 the examination and evaluation. No information, report,
2 record, or other documents in any way related to the
3 examination and evaluation shall be excluded by reason of any
4 common law or statutory privilege relating to communication
5 between the licensee or applicant and the examining physician
6 or any member of the multidisciplinary team. No authorization
7 is necessary from the certified shorthand reporter or applicant
8 ordered to undergo an evaluation and examination for the
9 examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team
10 to provide information, reports, records, or other documents or
11 to provide any testimony regarding the examination and
12 evaluation. The individual to be examined may have, at his or
13 her own expense, another physician of his or her choice present
14 during all aspects of the examination.

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

26 When the Secretary immediately suspends a certificate

1 under this Section, a hearing upon the person's certificate
2 must be convened by the Department within 15 days after the
3 suspension and completed without appreciable delay. The
4 Department shall have the authority to review the certified
5 shorthand reporter's or certified voice writer reporter's
6 record of treatment and counseling regarding the impairment, to
7 the extent permitted by applicable federal statutes and
8 regulations safeguarding the confidentiality of medical
9 records.

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

15 (e) (Blank).

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

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

1 (225 ILCS 415/23.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 6224)

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

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

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

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

1 (c) Whenever in the opinion of the Department any person
2 violates any provision of this Act, the Department may issue a
3 rule to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not
4 be entered against that individual. The rule shall clearly set
5 forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall
6 provide a period of 7 days from the date of the rule to file an
7 answer to the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to answer
8 to the satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to
9 cease and desist to be issued forthwith.

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

11 (225 ILCS 415/23.3) (from Ch. 111, par. 6226)

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

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

1 fees. All costs imposed under this Section shall be paid within
2 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the
3 fine.

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

5 (225 ILCS 415/23.4) (from Ch. 111, par. 6227)

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

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

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

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

23 (225 ILCS 415/23.13) (from Ch. 111, par. 6236)

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

1 Sec. 23.13. Summary suspension. The Secretary may
2 summarily suspend the certificate of a certified shorthand
3 reporter or a certified voice writer reporter without a
4 hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings
5 for a hearing provided for in Section 23.2 of this Act, if the
6 Secretary finds that the evidence indicates that a certified
7 shorthand reporter's or a certified voice writer reporter's
8 continuation in practice would constitute an imminent danger to
9 the public. In the event that the Secretary summarily suspends
10 the certificate of a certified shorthand reporter or a
11 certified voice writer reporter without a hearing, a hearing
12 shall be commenced within 30 days after such suspension has
13 occurred and shall be concluded as expeditiously as possible.
14 (Source: P.A. 98-445, eff. 12-31-13.)

15 (225 ILCS 415/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 6241)

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

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

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

2 (225 ILCS 415/26) (from Ch. 111, par. 6242)

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

4 Sec. 26. Every shorthand reporter and voice writer reporter
5 shall print his or her name and license or restricted license
6 number on each transcript reported.

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

8 (225 ILCS 415/28)

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

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

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

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

18 (225 ILCS 450/20.2) (from Ch. 111, par. 5523)

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

20 Sec. 20.2. Subpoenas; depositions; oaths.

21 (a) The Department may subpoena and bring before it any
22 person to take the oral or written testimony or compel the

1 production of any books, papers, records, or any other
2 documents that the Secretary or his or her designee deems
3 relevant or material to any investigation or hearing conducted
4 by the Department with the same fees and mileage as prescribed
5 in civil cases in circuit courts of this State and in the same
6 manner as prescribed by this Act and its rules.

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

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

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

17 (225 ILCS 458/15-15)

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

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

20 (a) Upon the motion of the Department or the Board or upon
21 a complaint in writing of a person setting forth facts that, if
22 proven, would constitute grounds for suspension, revocation,
23 or other disciplinary action against a licensee or applicant
24 for licensure, the Department shall investigate the actions of

1 the licensee or applicant. If, upon investigation, the
2 Department believes that there may be cause for suspension,
3 revocation, or other disciplinary action, the Department shall
4 use the services of a State certified general real estate
5 appraiser, a State certified residential real estate
6 appraiser, or the Real Estate Coordinator to assist in
7 determining whether grounds for disciplinary action exist
8 prior to commencing formal disciplinary proceedings.

9 (b) Formal disciplinary proceedings shall commence upon
10 the issuance of a written complaint describing the charges that
11 are the basis of the disciplinary action and delivery of the
12 detailed complaint to the address of record of the licensee or
13 applicant. The Department shall notify the licensee or
14 applicant to file a verified written answer within 20 days
15 after the service of the notice and complaint. The notification
16 shall inform the licensee or applicant of his or her right to
17 be heard in person or by legal counsel; that the hearing will
18 be afforded not sooner than 30 days after service of the
19 complaint; that failure to file an answer will result in a
20 default being entered against the licensee or applicant; that
21 the license may be suspended, revoked, or placed on
22 probationary status; and that other disciplinary action may be
23 taken pursuant to this Act, including limiting the scope,
24 nature, or extent of the licensee's practice. If the licensee
25 or applicant fails to file an answer after service of notice,
26 his or her license may, at the discretion of the Department, be

1 suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status and the
2 Department may take whatever disciplinary action it deems
3 proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the
4 person's practice, without a hearing.

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

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

1 and evidence presented to the Board, or may enter a final order
2 in contravention of the Board's recommendation.
3 Notwithstanding a licensee's or applicant's failure to file a
4 motion for rehearing, the Secretary shall have the right to
5 take any of the actions specified in this subsection (d). Upon
6 the suspension or revocation of a license, the licensee shall
7 be required to surrender his or her license to the Department,
8 and upon failure or refusal to do so, the Department shall have
9 the right to seize the license.

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

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

24 (g) In addition to the provisions of this Section
25 concerning the conduct of hearings and the recommendations for
26 discipline, the Department has the authority to negotiate

1 disciplinary and non-disciplinary settlement agreements
2 concerning any license issued under this Act. All such
3 agreements shall be recorded as Consent Orders or Consent to
4 Administrative Supervision Orders.

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

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

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

21 Section 55. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
22 Section 15 as follows:

23 (225 ILCS 605/15) (from Ch. 8, par. 315)

24 Sec. 15. Any person affected by a final administrative

1 decision of the Department may have such decision reviewed
2 judicially by the circuit court of the county wherein such
3 person resides, or in the case of a corporation, wherein the
4 registered office is located. If the plaintiff in the review
5 proceeding is not a resident of this state, the venue shall be
6 in Sangamon County. The provisions of the Administrative Review
7 Law, and all amendments and modifications thereof, and the
8 rules adopted pursuant thereto, shall apply to and govern all
9 proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative
10 decisions of the Department hereunder. The term
11 "administrative decision" is defined as in Section 3-101 of the
12 Code of Civil Procedure.

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

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

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

21 (235 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 43, par. 153)

22 Sec. 7-9. Except as provided in this Section, any order or
23 action of a local liquor control commissioner levying a fine or
24 refusing to levy a fine on a licensee, granting or refusing to

1 grant a license, revoking or suspending or refusing to revoke
2 or suspend a license or refusing for more than 30 days to grant
3 a hearing upon a complaint to revoke or suspend a license may,
4 within 20 days after notice of such order or action, be
5 appealed by any resident of the political subdivision under the
6 jurisdiction of the local liquor control commissioner or any
7 person interested, to the State Commission.

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

19 In any case in which a licensee appeals to the State
20 Commission a suspension or revocation by a local liquor control
21 commissioner that is the second or subsequent such suspension
22 or revocation placed on that licensee within the preceding 12
23 month period, the licensee shall consider the suspension or
24 revocation to be in effect until a reversal of the local liquor
25 control commissioner's action has been issued by the State
26 Commission and shall cease all activity otherwise authorized by

1 the license. The State Commission shall expedite, to the
2 greatest extent possible, its consideration of any appeal that
3 is an appeal of a second or subsequent suspension or revocation
4 within the past 12 month period.

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

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

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

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

24 The only evidence which may be considered in the review,
25 shall be the evidence found in the certified official record of
26 the proceedings of the local liquor control commissioner. No

1 new or additional evidence shall be admitted or considered. The
2 State Commission shall render a decision affirming, reversing
3 or modifying the order or action reviewed within 30 days after
4 the appeal was heard.

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

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

1 limited to the questions:

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

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

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

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

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

22 In any trial de novo hearing before the State Commission or
23 license appeal commission, the local liquor control
24 commissioner shall be entitled to 10 days notice and to be
25 heard. All such trial de novo hearings shall be open to the
26 public and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and the

1 license appeal commission shall reduce all evidence offered
2 thereto to writing.

3 If after trial de novo hearing or review as provided
4 herein, the State Commission or the license appeal commission
5 (as the case may be) shall decide that the license has been
6 improperly issued, denied, revoked, suspended or refused to be
7 revoked or suspended or a hearing to revoke or suspend has been
8 improperly refused or that the licensee has been improperly
9 fined or not fined, it shall enter an order in conformity with
10 such findings, which order shall be in writing.

11 A certified copy of the order shall be transmitted to the
12 particular local liquor control commissioner and it shall be
13 the duty of the local liquor control commissioner to take such
14 action as may be necessary to conform with the order.

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

1 cover the license fee for the renewal period and any bond that
2 may be required.

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

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

6 (240 ILCS 30/10) (from Ch. 114, par. 410)

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

18 In any case involving the refusal to issue or renew or the
19 suspension or revocation of a license, a copy of the
20 Department's report shall be served upon the respondent by the
21 Department, either personally or by registered or certified
22 mail as provided in this Act for the service of the notice of
23 hearing. Within 20 days after such service, the respondent may
24 present to the Department a motion in writing for a rehearing,

1 which written motion shall specify the particular grounds
2 therefor. If no motion for rehearing is filed, then upon the
3 expiration of the time specified for filing such a motion, or
4 if a motion for rehearing is denied, then upon such denial, the
5 Director may enter an order. If the respondent shall order and
6 pay for a transcript of the record within the time for filing a
7 motion for rehearing, the 20 day period within which such a
8 motion may be filed shall commence upon the delivery of the
9 transcript to the respondent.

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

11 Section 70. The Court Reporters Act is amended by changing
12 Section 5 as follows:

13 (705 ILCS 70/5) (from Ch. 37, par. 655)

14 Sec. 5. Means of reporting; transcripts. The court reporter
15 shall make a full reporting by means of stenographic notes or
16 voice writer reporting of the evidence and such other
17 proceedings in trials and judicial proceedings to which he or
18 she is assigned by the chief judge, and the court reporter may
19 use an electronic instrument as a supplementary device. In the
20 event that the court utilizes an audio or video recording
21 system approved by the Supreme Court to record the proceedings,
22 a court reporting services employee shall be in charge of such
23 system. To the extent that it does not substantially interfere
24 with the court reporter's other official duties, a reporter may

1 be assigned to secretarial or clerical duties arising out of
2 official court operations.

3 A court reporting services employee may charge a page rate
4 for the preparation of transcripts of court proceedings not to
5 exceed the rate set by the employer representative in the
6 Uniform Schedule of Charges for Transcripts.

7 (Source: P.A. 101-581, eff. 1-1-20.)

8 Section 75. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
9 changing Section 5-5-5 as follows:

10 (730 ILCS 5/5-5-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 1005-5-5)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (6) the seriousness of the offense or offenses;
- 2 (7) any information produced by the person or produced
3 on his or her behalf in regard to his or her rehabilitation
4 and good conduct, including a certificate of relief from
5 disabilities issued to the applicant, which certificate
6 shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to
7 the offense or offenses specified in the certificate; and
- 8 (8) the legitimate interest of the licensing agency in
9 protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific
10 individuals or the general public.
- 11 (i) A certificate of relief from disabilities shall be
12 issued only for a license or certification issued under the
13 following Acts:
- 14 (1) the Animal Welfare Act; except that a certificate
15 of relief from disabilities may not be granted to provide
16 for the issuance or restoration of a license under the
17 Animal Welfare Act for any person convicted of violating
18 Section 3, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.03-1, or 4.01 of the Humane
19 Care for Animals Act or Section 26-5 or 48-1 of the
20 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012;
- 21 (2) the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act;
- 22 (3) the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding,
23 and Nail Technology Act of 1985;
- 24 (4) the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation
25 Act;
- 26 (5) the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act;

1 (6) the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters and
2 Voice Writer Reporters Act ~~of 1984~~;

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

5 (8) the Registered Interior Designers Act;

6 (9) the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of
7 1989;

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

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

10 (12) the Private Employment Agency Act;

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

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

14 (15) the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act;

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

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

19 (18) the Electrologist Licensing Act;

20 (19) the Auction License Act;

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

22 (21) the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act;

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

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

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

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

8 (815 ILCS 390/9) (from Ch. 21, par. 209)

9 Sec. 9. The Comptroller may upon his own motion investigate
10 the actions of any person providing, selling, or offering
11 pre-need sales contracts or of any applicant or any person or
12 persons holding or claiming to hold a license under this Act.
13 The Comptroller shall make such an investigation on receipt of
14 the verified written complaint of any person setting forth
15 facts which, if proved, would constitute grounds for refusal,
16 suspension, or revocation of a license. Before refusing to
17 issue, and before suspension or revocation of a license, the
18 Comptroller shall hold a hearing to determine whether the
19 applicant or licensee, hereafter called the respondent, is
20 entitled to hold such a license. At least 10 days prior to the
21 date set for such hearing, the Comptroller shall notify the
22 respondent in writing that on the date designated a hearing
23 will be held to determine his eligibility for a license and
24 that he may appear in person or by counsel. Such written notice

1 may be served on the respondent personally, or by registered or
2 certified mail sent to the respondent's business address as
3 shown in his latest notification to the Comptroller and shall
4 include sufficient information to inform the respondent of the
5 general nature of the charge. At the hearing, both the
6 respondent and the complainant shall be accorded ample
7 opportunity to present in person or by counsel such statements,
8 testimony, evidence and argument as may be pertinent to the
9 charges or to any defense thereto. The Comptroller may
10 reasonably continue such hearing from time to time.

11 The Comptroller may subpoena any person or persons in this
12 State and take testimony orally, by deposition or by exhibit,
13 in the same manner and with the same fees and mileage as
14 prescribed in judicial proceedings in civil cases.

15 Any authorized agent of the Comptroller may administer
16 oaths to witnesses at any hearing which the Comptroller is
17 authorized to conduct.

18 The Comptroller, at his expense, shall provide a certified
19 shorthand reporter or certified voice writer reporter to take
20 down the testimony and preserve a record of all proceedings at
21 the hearing of any case involving the refusal to issue a
22 license, the suspension or revocation of a license, the
23 imposition of a monetary penalty, or the referral of a case for
24 criminal prosecution. The record of any such proceeding shall
25 consist of the notice of hearing, complaint, all other
26 documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed

1 in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony and the report
2 and orders of the Comptroller. Copies of the transcript of such
3 record may be purchased from the certified shorthand reporter
4 or certified voice writer reporter who prepared the record or
5 from the Comptroller.

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

7 (815 ILCS 390/11) (from Ch. 21, par. 211)

8 Sec. 11. Any person affected by a final administrative
9 decision of the Comptroller may have such decision reviewed
10 judicially by the circuit court of the county where such person
11 resides, or in the case of a corporation, where the registered
12 office is located. If the plaintiff in the review proceeding is
13 not a resident of this State, venue shall be in Sangamon
14 County. The provisions of the "Administrative Review Law",
15 approved August 19, 1981, all amendments and modifications
16 thereto, and any rules adopted under it govern all proceedings
17 for the judicial review of final administrative decisions of
18 the Comptroller. The term "administrative decision" is defined
19 as in the "Administrative Review Law".

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

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

2 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
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