

1 AN ACT concerning professional 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
5 changing Sections 4.14 and 4.24 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 80/4.14) (from Ch. 127, par. 1904.14)
7 Sec. 4.14. Acts repealed.

8 (a) The following Acts are repealed December 31, 2003:
9 The Private Detective, Private Alarm, and Private
10 Security Act of 1993.

11 ~~The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act.~~
12 (b) The following Acts are repealed January 1, 2004:
13 The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of
14 1984.

15 The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of
16 1994.

17 (Source: P.A. 92-457, eff 8-21-01.)

18 (5 ILCS 80/4.24)
19 Sec. 4.24. Acts repealed on January 1, 2014. The
20 following Acts are repealed on January 1, 2014:

21 The Electrologist Licensing Act.
22 The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act.
23 The Illinois Public Accounting Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 92-457, eff. 8-21-01; 92-750, eff. 1-1-03.)

25 Section 10. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice
26 Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 3, 3.1, 5, 7, 8, 9,
27 11, 11.1, 15, and 19 as follows:

28 (225 ILCS 75/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 3702)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

2 Sec. 2. Definitions. In this Act:

3 (1) "Department" means the Department of Professional
4 Regulation.

5 (2) "Director" means the Director of Professional
6 Regulation.

7 (3) "Board" means the Illinois Occupational Therapy
8 Licensure Board appointed by the Director.

9 (4) "Registered Occupational therapist" means a person
10 initially registered and licensed to practice occupational
11 therapy as defined in this Act, and whose license is in good
12 standing.

13 (5) "Certified Occupational therapy assistant" means a
14 person initially registered and licensed to assist in the
15 practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of a
16 licensed registered occupational therapist, and to implement
17 the occupational therapy treatment program as established by
18 the licensed registered occupational therapist. Such program
19 may include training in activities of daily living, the use
20 of therapeutic activity including task oriented activity to
21 enhance functional performance, and guidance in the selection
22 and use of adaptive equipment.

23 (6) "Occupational therapy" means the therapeutic use of
24 purposeful and meaningful occupations or goal-directed
25 activities to evaluate and provide interventions for
26 individuals and populations who have a disease or disorder,
27 an impairment, an activity limitation, or a participation
28 restriction that interferes with their ability to function
29 independently in their daily life roles and to promote health
30 and wellness. Occupational therapy intervention may include
31 any of the following:

32 (a) remediation or restoration of performance
33 abilities that are limited due to impairment in
34 biological, physiological, psychological, or neurological

1 processes;

2 (b) adaptation of task, process, or the environment
3 or the teaching of compensatory techniques in order to
4 enhance performance;

5 (c) disability prevention methods and techniques
6 that facilitate the development or safe application of
7 performance skills; and

8 (d) health promotion strategies and practices that
9 enhance performance abilities.

10 The licensed ~~registered~~ occupational therapist or
11 licensed ~~certified~~ occupational therapy assistant may assume
12 a variety of roles in his or her career including, but not
13 limited to, practitioner, supervisor of professional students
14 and volunteers, researcher, scholar, consultant,
15 administrator, faculty, clinical instructor, and educator of
16 consumers, peers, and family.

17 (7) "Occupational therapy services" means services that
18 may be provided to individuals and populations including,
19 without limitation, the following:

20 (a) evaluating, developing, improving, sustaining,
21 or restoring skills in activities of daily living, work,
22 or productive activities, including instrumental living
23 and play and leisure activities;

24 (b) evaluating, developing, remediating ~~improving~~,
25 or restoring sensorimotor ~~sensory-motor~~, cognitive, or
26 psychosocial components of performance;

27 (c) designing, fabricating, applying, or training
28 in the use of assistive technology or temporary, orthoses
29 and training in the use of orthoses and prostheses;

30 (d) adapting environments and processes, including
31 the application of ergonomic principles, to enhance
32 performance and safety in daily life roles;

33 (e) for the occupational therapist or occupational
34 therapy assistant therapists possessing advanced

1 training, skill, and competency as demonstrated through
2 examinations that shall be determined by the Department,
3 applying physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in
4 preparation for engagement in occupations;

5 (f) evaluating and providing intervention in
6 collaboration with the client, family, caregiver, or
7 others;

8 (g) educating the client, family, caregiver, or
9 others in carrying out appropriate nonskilled
10 interventions; and

11 (h) consulting with groups, programs,
12 organizations, or communities to provide population-based
13 services.

14 (8) "An aide in occupational therapy" means an
15 individual who provides supportive services to occupational
16 therapists or occupational therapy assistants ~~therapy~~
17 ~~practitioners~~ but who is not certified by a nationally
18 recognized occupational therapy certifying or licensing body.
19 (Source: P.A. 92-297, eff. 1-1-02; 92-366, eff. 1-1-02;
20 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)

21 (225 ILCS 75/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 3703)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

23 Sec. 3. After the effective date of this Act, no person
24 shall practice occupational therapy or hold himself out as an
25 occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant,
26 or as being able to practice occupational therapy or to
27 render services designated as occupational therapy in this
28 State, unless he is licensed in accordance with the
29 provisions of this Act.

30 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing or
31 restricting the practice, services, or activities of:

32 (1) Any person licensed in this State by any other law
33 from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he is

1 licensed; or

2 (2) Any person employed as an occupational therapist or
3 occupational therapy assistant by the Government of the
4 United States, if such person provides occupational therapy
5 solely under the direction or control of the organization by
6 which he or she is employed; or

7 (3) Any person pursuing a course of study leading to a
8 degree or certificate in occupational therapy at an
9 accredited or approved educational program if such activities
10 and services constitute a part of a supervised course of
11 study, and if such person is designated by a title which
12 clearly indicates his or her status as a student or trainee;
13 or

14 (4) Any person fulfilling the supervised work experience
15 requirements of Sections 8 and 9 of this Act, if such
16 activities and services constitute a part of the experience
17 necessary to meet the requirement of those Sections; or

18 (5) Any person performing occupational therapy services
19 in the State, if such a person is not a resident of this
20 State and is not licensed under this Act, and if such
21 services are performed for no more than 60 days a calendar
22 year in association with an occupational therapist licensed
23 under this Act and if such person meets the qualifications
24 for license under this Act and:

25 (i) such person is licensed under the law of
26 another state which has licensure requirements at least
27 as restrictive as the requirements of this Act, or

28 (ii) such person meets the requirements for
29 certification as an Occupational Therapist Registered
30 (O.T.R.) or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
31 (C.O.T.A.) established by the National Board for
32 Certification of Occupational Therapy or another
33 nationally recognized credentialing body approved by the
34 Board American-Occupational-Therapy-Association; or

1 (6) The practice of occupational therapy by one who has
2 applied in writing to the Department for a license, in form
3 and substance satisfactory to the Department, and has
4 complied with all the provisions of either Section 8 or 9
5 except the passing of the examination to be eligible to
6 receive such license. In no event shall this exemption
7 extend to any person for longer than 6 months, except as
8 follows:

9 (i) if the date on which a person can take the next
10 available examination authorized by the Department
11 extends beyond 6 months from the date the person
12 completes the occupational therapy program as required
13 under Section 8 or 9, the Department shall extend the
14 exemption until the results of that examination become
15 available to the Department; or

16 (ii) if the Department is unable to complete its
17 evaluation and processing of a person's application for a
18 license within 6 months after the date on which the
19 application is submitted to the Department in proper
20 form, the Department shall extend the exemption until the
21 Department has completed its evaluation and processing of
22 the application.

23 In the event such applicant fails the examination, the
24 applicant shall cease work immediately until such time as the
25 applicant is licensed to practice occupational therapy in
26 this State.

27 (7) The practice of occupational therapy by one who has
28 applied to the Department, in form and substance satisfactory
29 to the Department, and who is licensed to practice
30 occupational therapy under the laws of another state,
31 territory of the United States or country and who is
32 qualified to receive a license under the provisions of either
33 Section 8 or 9 of this Act. In no event shall this exemption
34 extend to any person for longer than 6 months.

1 (8) The practice of occupational therapy by one who has
 2 applied to the Department, in form and substance satisfactory
 3 to the Department, and who is qualified to receive a license
 4 under the provisions of either Section 8 or 9 of this Act.
 5 In no event shall this exemption extend to any person for
 6 longer than 6 months.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-427, eff. 8-15-97.)

8 (225 ILCS 75/3.1)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

10 Sec. 3.1. Referrals. A licensed registered occupational
 11 therapist or licensed certified occupational therapy
 12 assistant may consult with, educate, evaluate, and monitor
 13 services for clients concerning non-medical occupational
 14 therapy needs. Implementation of direct occupational therapy
 15 to individuals for their specific health care conditions
 16 shall be based upon a referral from a licensed physician,
 17 dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist.

18 An occupational therapist shall refer to a licensed
 19 physician, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist any patient
 20 whose medical condition should, at the time of evaluation or
 21 treatment, be determined to be beyond the scope of practice
 22 of the occupational therapist.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-297, eff. 1-1-02.)

24 (225 ILCS 75/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 3705)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

26 Sec. 5. The Director shall appoint an Illinois
 27 Occupational Therapy Licensure Board as follows: 7 persons
 28 who shall be appointed by and shall serve in an advisory
 29 capacity to the Director. One member must be a physician
 30 licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches; 3
 31 members must be licensed registered occupational therapists
 32 in good standing, and actively engaged in the practice of

1 occupational therapy in this State; 2 members must be
2 licensed eertified occupational therapy assistants in good
3 standing and actively engaged in the practice of occupational
4 therapy in this State; and 1 member must be a public member
5 who is not licensed under this Act, or a similar Act of
6 another jurisdiction, and is not a provider of health care
7 service.

8 Members shall serve 4 year terms and until their
9 successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall be
10 appointed under this or any prior Act to the Board for
11 service which would constitute more than 2 full terms.
12 Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same
13 manner as original appointments, for the unexpired portion of
14 the vacated term. Initial terms shall begin upon the
15 effective date of this Act.

16 The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect
17 representation from the geographic areas in this State.

18 The Director may terminate the appointment of any member
19 for cause which in the opinion of the Director reasonably
20 justifies such termination.

21 The Director shall consider the recommendations of the
22 Board on questions involving standards of professional
23 conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and
24 license holders under this Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

26 (225 ILCS 75/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 3707)

27 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

28 Sec. 7. The Department shall authorize examinations at
29 least annually and at such time and place as it may
30 designate. The examination shall be of a character to give a
31 fair test of the qualifications of the applicant to practice
32 occupational therapy.

33 Applications for examination as occupational therapists

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

9 If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take the
 10 examination within 90 days after the date the Confirmation of
 11 Examination and Eligibility to Examine Notice is issued next
 12 ~~available-examination-offered~~ or fails to pass an examination
 13 for certification under this Act, the application shall be
 14 denied. If an applicant fails to pass an examination for
 15 registration under this Act within 3 years after filing his
 16 application, the application shall be denied. The applicant
 17 may thereafter make a new application accompanied by the
 18 required fee, however, the applicant shall meet all
 19 requirements in effect at the time of subsequent application
 20 before obtaining licensure.

21 The Department may employ consultants for the purposes of
 22 preparing and conducting examinations.

23 (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

24 (225 ILCS 75/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 3708)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

26 Sec. 8. A person shall be qualified for licensure as an
 27 occupational therapist if that person:

28 (1) has applied in writing in form and substance to
 29 the Department;

30 (2) (blank) ~~is-a-citizen-of-the-United-States-or-a~~
 31 ~~lawfully-admitted-alien,-in-status,-registered--with--the~~
 32 ~~United---States---Department---of--Justice,-Division--of~~
 33 ~~Immigration-and-Naturalization;~~

1 (3) has completed an occupational therapy program
 2 of at least 4 years in length, leading to a baccalaureate
 3 degree, or its equivalent, approved by the Department;
 4 and

5 (4) has successfully completed the examination
 6 authorized by the Department within the past 5 years.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

8 (225 ILCS 75/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 3709)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

10 Sec. 9. A person shall be qualified for licensure as an
 11 occupational therapy assistant if that person:

12 (1) has applied in writing in form and substance to
 13 the Department;

14 (2) ~~(blank) is a citizen of the United States or a~~
 15 ~~lawfully admitted alien, in status, registered with the~~
 16 ~~United States Department of Justice, Division of~~
 17 ~~Immigration and Naturalization;~~

18 (3) has completed an occupational therapy program
 19 of at least 2 years in length leading to an associate
 20 degree, or its equivalent, approved by the Department;
 21 and

22 (4) has successfully completed the examination
 23 authorized by the Department within the past 5 years.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

25 (225 ILCS 75/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 3711)

26 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

27 Sec. 11. The expiration date and renewal period for each
 28 certificate issued under this Act shall be set by rule.

29 Any occupational therapist or occupational therapy
 30 assistant who has permitted his license to expire or who has
 31 had his license on inactive status may have his license
 32 restored by making application to the Department and filing

1 proof acceptable to the Department of his fitness to have his
2 license restored. The Department may consider a certificate
3 expired less than 5 years as prima facie evidence that the
4 applicant is fit. If the applicant's license has expired or
5 been placed on inactive status, proof of fitness may include
6 sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another
7 jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department and by paying the
8 required restoration fee.

9 If the occupational therapist or occupational therapy
10 assistant has not maintained an active practice in another
11 jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department, the Department
12 shall determine, by an evaluation program established by
13 rule, his fitness to resume active status and may require the
14 occupational therapist or occupational therapy therapist
15 assistant to successfully complete a practice examination.

16 However, any occupational therapist or occupational
17 therapy assistant whose license certificate expired while he
18 was (1) in Federal Service on active duty with the Armed
19 Forces of the United States, or the State Militia called into
20 service or training, or (2) in training or education under
21 the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction
22 into the military service, may have his certificate renewed
23 or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees if within
24 2 years after termination of such service, training or
25 education except under conditions other than honorable, he
26 furnished the Department with satisfactory evidence to the
27 effect that he has been so engaged and that his service,
28 training or education has been so terminated.

29 (Source: P.A. 84-793.)

30 (225 ILCS 75/11.1)

31 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

32 Sec. 11.1. Continuing education requirement. All
33 renewal applicants shall provide proof of having met the

1 continuing competency requirements set forth in the rules of
 2 the Department. ~~At a minimum, the rules shall require a~~
 3 ~~renewal applicant to provide proof of completing at least 12~~
 4 ~~units of continuing competency activities during the 2-year~~
 5 ~~licensing cycle for which he or she is currently licensed.~~
 6 The Department shall provide by rule for an orderly process
 7 for the reinstatement of licenses that have not been renewed
 8 for failure to meet the continuing competency requirements.
 9 The continuing competency requirements may be waived in cases
 10 of extreme hardship as defined by rule.

11 The Department shall establish by rule a means for
 12 verifying the completion of the continuing competency
 13 required by this Section. This verification may be
 14 accomplished through audits of records maintained by
 15 licensees, by requiring the filing of continuing competency
 16 certificates with the Department, or by any other means
 17 established by the Department.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-297, eff. 1-1-02.)

19 (225 ILCS 75/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 3715)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

21 Sec. 15. Any person who is issued a license as an
 22 occupational therapist registered under the terms of this Act
 23 may use the words "occupational therapist" or "licensed
 24 occupational therapist registered", or he may use the letters
 25 "O.T" or "~~O.T.R.~~", in connection with his or her name or
 26 place of business to denote his or her licensure under this
 27 Act.

28 Any person who is issued a license as a certified
 29 occupational therapy assistant under the terms of this Act
 30 may use the words, "occupational therapy assistant" or
 31 "licensed certified occupational therapy assistant", or he or
 32 she may use the letters, "O.T.A." or "~~C.O.T.A.~~", in
 33 connection with his or her name, or place of business to

1 denote his or her licensure under this Act hereunder.

2 (Source: P.A. 83-696.)

3 (225 ILCS 75/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 3719)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2003)

5 Sec. 19. (a) The Department may refuse to issue or
6 renew, or may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand
7 or take other disciplinary action as the Department may deem
8 proper, including fines not to exceed \$2,500 for each
9 violation, with regard to any license for any one or
10 combination of the following:

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

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

15 (3) Conviction of any crime under the laws of the
16 United States or any state or territory thereof which is
17 a felony or which is a misdemeanor, an essential element
18 of which is dishonesty, or of any crime which is directly
19 related to the practice of occupational therapy;

20 (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of
21 obtaining certification, or violating any provision of
22 this Act or the rules promulgated thereunder pertaining
23 to advertising;

24 (5) Having demonstrated unworthiness, or
25 incompetency to act as an occupational therapist or
26 occupational therapy assistant in such manner as to
27 safeguard the interest of the public;

28 (6) Wilfully aiding or assisting another person,
29 firm, partnership or corporation in violating any
30 provision of this Act or rules;

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

33 (8) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or

1 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
2 defraud or harm the public;

3 (9) Habitual intoxication or addiction to the use
4 of drugs;

5 (10) Discipline by another state, the District of
6 Columbia, a territory, or foreign nation, if at least one
7 of the grounds for the discipline is the same or
8 substantially equivalent to those set forth herein;

9 (11) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving
10 from any person, firm, corporation, partnership or
11 association any fee, commission, rebate or other form of
12 compensation for professional services not actually or
13 personally rendered;

14 (12) A finding by the Department that the license
15 holder, after having his license disciplined, has
16 violated the terms of the discipline;

17 (13) Wilfully making or filing false records or
18 reports in the practice of occupational therapy,
19 including but not limited to false records filed with the
20 State agencies or departments;

21 (14) Physical illness, including but not limited
22 to, deterioration through the aging process, or loss of
23 motor skill which results in the inability to practice
24 the profession with reasonable judgment, skill or safety;

25 (15) Solicitation of professional services other
26 than by permitted advertising;

27 (16) Wilfully exceeding the scope of practice
28 customarily undertaken by persons licensed under this
29 Act, which conduct results in, or may result in, harm to
30 the public;

31 (17) Holding one's self out to practice
32 occupational therapy under any name other than his own or
33 impersonation of any other occupational therapy licensee;

34 (18) Gross negligence;

1 (19) Malpractice;

2 (20) Obtaining a fee in money or gift in kind of
3 any other items of value or in the form of financial
4 profit or benefit as personal compensation, or as
5 compensation, or charge, profit or gain for an employer
6 or for any other person or persons, on the fraudulent
7 misrepresentation that a manifestly incurable condition
8 of sickness, disease or injury to any person can be
9 cured;

10 (21) Accepting commissions or rebates or other
11 forms of remuneration for referring persons to other
12 professionals;

13 (22) Failure to file a return, or to pay the tax,
14 penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay
15 any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as
16 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois
17 Department of Revenue, until such time as the
18 requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied;

19 (23) Violating the Health Care Worker Self-Referral
20 Act; and

21 (24) Having treated patients other than by the
22 practice of occupational therapy as defined in this Act,
23 or having treated patients as a licensed occupational
24 therapist independent of a referral from a physician,
25 dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist, or having failed to
26 notify the physician, dentist, podiatrist, or optometrist
27 who established a diagnosis that the patient is receiving
28 occupational therapy pursuant to that diagnosis.

29 (b) The determination by a circuit court that a license
30 holder is subject to involuntary admission or judicial
31 admission as provided in the Mental Health and Developmental
32 Disabilities Code, as now or hereafter amended, operates as
33 an automatic suspension. Such suspension will end only upon
34 a finding by a court that the patient is no longer subject to

1 involuntary admission or judicial admission, an order by the
2 court so finding and discharging the patient, and the
3 recommendation of the Board to the Director that the license
4 holder be allowed to resume his practice.

5 (c) The Department may refuse to issue or take
6 disciplinary action concerning the license of any person who
7 fails to file a return, to pay the tax, penalty, or interest
8 shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of
9 tax, penalty, or interest as required by any tax Act
10 administered by the Department of Revenue, until such time as
11 the requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied as
12 determined by the Department of Revenue.

13 (d) In enforcing this Section, the Board, upon a showing
14 of a possible violation, may compel a licensee or applicant
15 to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both, as
16 required by and at the expense of the Department. The
17 examining physicians or clinical psychologists shall be those
18 specifically designated by the Board. The Board or the
19 Department may order (i) the examining physician to present
20 testimony concerning the mental or physical examination of a
21 licensee or applicant or (ii) the examining clinical
22 psychologist to present testimony concerning the mental
23 examination of a licensee or applicant. No information shall
24 be excluded by reason of any common law or statutory
25 privilege relating to communications between a licensee or
26 applicant and the examining physician or clinical
27 psychologist. An individual to be examined may have, at his
28 or her own expense, another physician or clinical
29 psychologist of his or her choice present during all aspects
30 of the examination. Failure of an individual to submit to a
31 mental or physical examination, when directed, is grounds for
32 suspension of his or her license. The license must remain
33 suspended until the person submits to the examination or the
34 Board finds, after notice and hearing, that the refusal to

1 submit to the examination was with reasonable cause.

2 If the Board finds an individual unable to practice
3 because of the reasons set forth in this Section, the Board
4 must require the individual to submit to care, counseling, or
5 treatment by a physician or clinical psychologist approved by
6 the Board, as a condition, term, or restriction for
7 continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure to practice. In
8 lieu of care, counseling, or treatment, the Board may
9 recommend that the Department file a complaint to immediately
10 suspend or revoke the license of the individual or otherwise
11 discipline the licensee.

12 Any individual whose license was granted, continued,
13 reinstated, or renewed subject to conditions, terms, or
14 restrictions, as provided for in this Section, or any
15 individual who was disciplined or placed on supervision
16 pursuant to this Section must be referred to the Director for
17 a determination as to whether the person shall have his or
18 her license suspended immediately, pending a hearing by the
19 Board.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.