

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 Illinois Public Accounting Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 30.9 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 450/30.9 new)

7 Sec. 30.9. Tax return preparation task force. The  
8 Department shall convene a task force consisting of 8 members,  
9 one of whom shall be appointed by the Department and be a  
10 representative of the Department; one of whom shall be  
11 appointed by the Department and be a representative of a  
12 statewide association representing CPAs; one of whom shall be  
13 appointed by the Department and be an enrolled agent or  
14 representative of the tax return preparation industry; one of  
15 whom shall be the Director of Revenue or his or her designee;  
16 one of whom shall be appointed by the majority caucus leader of  
17 the House of Representatives; one of whom shall be appointed by  
18 the majority caucus leader of the Senate; one of whom shall be  
19 appointed by the minority caucus leader of the House of  
20 Representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
21 minority caucus leader of the Senate. The task force shall  
22 prepare a report that does the following: determines the  
23 appropriate scope of a program for regulating commercial tax

1 return preparers; addresses the appropriate qualifications,  
2 including, but not limited to, minimum educational  
3 qualifications and continuing educational requirements for  
4 commercial tax return preparers; and considers any other  
5 matters the task force determines to be necessary or  
6 appropriate. The task force shall meet no less than 3 times  
7 before the end of the year in which this amendatory Act of the  
8 98th General Assembly becomes effective. The report required  
9 under this Section shall be submitted by no later than December  
10 1, 2015 to the Secretary of Financial and Professional  
11 Regulation, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives, and the President of the Senate. Members of  
13 the task force shall receive no compensation, but shall be  
14 reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the  
15 performance of their duties.

16 This Section is repealed July 1, 2016.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.