



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4672**

by Rep. Norine Hammond

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 415/10	from Ch. 111, par. 6210
225 ILCS 415/11	from Ch. 111, par. 6211

Amends the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a designated testing service to administer the examination for certified shorthand reporters at least 5 times per year. Requires applicants to demonstrate, at a minimum, the ability to record and transcribe general dictation at 200 words per minute for 5 minutes at 85% accuracy and testimony in 2 voices at 225 words per minute for 5 minutes at 85% accuracy.

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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 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act  
5 of 1984 is amended by changing Sections 10 and 11 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 415/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 6210)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

8 Sec. 10. The Department shall authorize examinations at  
9 such time and place as it may designate. However, the  
10 Department or a designated testing service shall administer the  
11 examination at least 5 times per year. The examination shall be  
12 of a character to give a fair test of the qualifications of the  
13 applicant to practice shorthand reporting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) (Blank);

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

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

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

5 B. That person has successfully completed the examination  
6 authorized by the Department; for a person to successfully  
7 complete the examination, he or she must demonstrate, at a  
8 minimum, the ability to record and transcribe general dictation  
9 at 200 words per minute for 5 minutes at 85% accuracy and  
10 testimony in 2 voices at 225 words per minute for 5 minutes at  
11 85% accuracy.

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