

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 Department of Professional Regulation Law of  
5 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by  
6 changing Section 2105-15 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-15)

8 Sec. 2105-15. General powers and duties.

9 (a) The Department has, subject to the provisions of the  
10 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the following powers and  
11 duties:

12 (1) To authorize examinations in English to ascertain  
13 the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise  
14 the profession, trade, or occupation for which the  
15 examination is held.

16 (2) To prescribe rules and regulations for a fair and  
17 wholly impartial method of examination of candidates to  
18 exercise the respective professions, trades, or  
19 occupations.

20 (3) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for  
21 licenses, certificates, and authorities, whether by  
22 examination, by reciprocity, or by endorsement.

23 (4) To prescribe rules and regulations defining, for

1 the respective professions, trades, and occupations, what  
2 shall constitute a school, college, or university, or  
3 department of a university, or other institution,  
4 reputable and in good standing, and to determine the  
5 reputability and good standing of a school, college, or  
6 university, or department of a university, or other  
7 institution, reputable and in good standing, by reference  
8 to a compliance with those rules and regulations; provided,  
9 that no school, college, or university, or department of a  
10 university, or other institution that refuses admittance  
11 to applicants solely on account of race, color, creed, sex,  
12 or national origin shall be considered reputable and in  
13 good standing.

14 (5) To conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke,  
15 suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or  
16 take other disciplinary action as authorized in any  
17 licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to  
18 licenses, certificates, or authorities of persons  
19 exercising the respective professions, trades, or  
20 occupations and to revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, place  
21 on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action  
22 as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the  
23 Department with regard to those licenses, certificates, or  
24 authorities. The Department shall issue a monthly  
25 disciplinary report. The Department shall deny any license  
26 or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of

1 Illinois to any person who has defaulted on an educational  
2 loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the  
3 Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental  
4 agency of this State; however, the Department may issue a  
5 license or renewal if the aforementioned persons have  
6 established a satisfactory repayment record as determined  
7 by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other  
8 appropriate governmental agency of this State.  
9 Additionally, beginning June 1, 1996, any license issued by  
10 the Department may be suspended or revoked if the  
11 Department, after the opportunity for a hearing under the  
12 appropriate licensing Act, finds that the licensee has  
13 failed to make satisfactory repayment to the Illinois  
14 Student Assistance Commission for a delinquent or  
15 defaulted loan. For the purposes of this Section,  
16 "satisfactory repayment record" shall be defined by rule.  
17 The Department shall refuse to issue or renew a license to,  
18 or shall suspend or revoke a license of, any person who,  
19 after receiving notice, fails to comply with a subpoena or  
20 warrant relating to a paternity or child support  
21 proceeding. However, the Department may issue a license or  
22 renewal upon compliance with the subpoena or warrant.

23 The Department, without further process or hearings,  
24 shall revoke, suspend, or deny any license or renewal  
25 authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to  
26 a person who is certified by the Department of Healthcare

1 and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of  
2 Public Aid) as being more than 30 days delinquent in  
3 complying with a child support order or who is certified by  
4 a court as being in violation of the Non-Support Punishment  
5 Act for more than 60 days. The Department may, however,  
6 issue a license or renewal if the person has established a  
7 satisfactory repayment record as determined by the  
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly  
9 Illinois Department of Public Aid) or if the person is  
10 determined by the court to be in compliance with the  
11 Non-Support Punishment Act. The Department may implement  
12 this paragraph as added by Public Act 89-6 through the use  
13 of emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of the  
14 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For purposes of the  
15 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the adoption of  
16 rules to implement this paragraph shall be considered an  
17 emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety,  
18 and welfare.

19 (6) To transfer jurisdiction of any realty under the  
20 control of the Department to any other department of the  
21 State Government or to acquire or accept federal lands when  
22 the transfer, acquisition, or acceptance is advantageous  
23 to the State and is approved in writing by the Governor.

24 (7) To formulate rules and regulations necessary for  
25 the enforcement of any Act administered by the Department.

26 (8) To exchange with the Department of Healthcare and

1 Family Services information that may be necessary for the  
2 enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to the  
3 Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and  
4 Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and  
5 Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised  
6 Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform  
7 Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage  
8 Act of 1984. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to  
9 the contrary, the Department of Professional Regulation  
10 shall not be liable under any federal or State law to any  
11 person for any disclosure of information to the Department  
12 of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois  
13 Department of Public Aid) under this paragraph (8) or for  
14 any other action taken in good faith to comply with the  
15 requirements of this paragraph (8).

16 (8.5) To accept continuing education credit for  
17 mandated reporter training on how to recognize and report  
18 child abuse offered by the Department of Children and  
19 Family Services and completed by any person who holds a  
20 professional license issued by the Department and who is a  
21 mandated reporter under the Abused and Neglected Child  
22 Reporting Act. The Department shall adopt any rules  
23 necessary to implement this paragraph.

24 (9) To perform other duties prescribed by law.

25 (a-5) Except in cases involving default on an educational  
26 loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois

1 Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of  
2 this State or in cases involving delinquency in complying with  
3 a child support order or violation of the Non-Support  
4 Punishment Act, no person or entity whose license, certificate,  
5 or authority has been revoked as authorized in any licensing  
6 Act administered by the Department may apply for restoration of  
7 that license, certification, or authority until 3 years after  
8 the effective date of the revocation.

9 (b) The Department may, when a fee is payable to the  
10 Department for a wall certificate of registration provided by  
11 the Department of Central Management Services, require that  
12 portion of the payment for printing and distribution costs be  
13 made directly or through the Department to the Department of  
14 Central Management Services for deposit into the Paper and  
15 Printing Revolving Fund. The remainder shall be deposited into  
16 the General Revenue Fund.

17 (c) For the purpose of securing and preparing evidence, and  
18 for the purchase of controlled substances, professional  
19 services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities,  
20 recoupment of investigative costs, and other activities  
21 directed at suppressing the misuse and abuse of controlled  
22 substances, including those activities set forth in Sections  
23 504 and 508 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the  
24 Director and agents appointed and authorized by the Director  
25 may expend sums from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund  
26 that the Director deems necessary from the amounts appropriated

1 for that purpose. Those sums may be advanced to the agent when  
2 the Director deems that procedure to be in the public interest.  
3 Sums for the purchase of controlled substances, professional  
4 services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities  
5 and other activities as set forth in this Section shall be  
6 advanced to the agent who is to make the purchase from the  
7 Professional Regulation Evidence Fund on vouchers signed by the  
8 Director. The Director and those agents are authorized to  
9 maintain one or more commercial checking accounts with any  
10 State banking corporation or corporations organized under or  
11 subject to the Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and  
12 withdrawal of moneys to be used for the purposes set forth in  
13 this Section; provided, that no check may be written nor any  
14 withdrawal made from any such account except upon the written  
15 signatures of 2 persons designated by the Director to write  
16 those checks and make those withdrawals. Vouchers for those  
17 expenditures must be signed by the Director. All such  
18 expenditures shall be audited by the Director, and the audit  
19 shall be submitted to the Department of Central Management  
20 Services for approval.

21 (d) Whenever the Department is authorized or required by  
22 law to consider some aspect of criminal history record  
23 information for the purpose of carrying out its statutory  
24 powers and responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of  
25 fees in conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400  
26 of the Department of State Police Law (20 ILCS 2605/2605-400),

1 the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish,  
2 pursuant to positive identification, the information contained  
3 in State files that is necessary to fulfill the request.

4 (e) The provisions of this Section do not apply to private  
5 business and vocational schools as defined by Section 15 of the  
6 Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012.

7 (f) Beginning July 1, 1995, this Section does not apply to  
8 those professions, trades, and occupations licensed under the  
9 Real Estate License Act of 2000, nor does it apply to any  
10 permits, certificates, or other authorizations to do business  
11 provided for in the Land Sales Registration Act of 1989 or the  
12 Illinois Real Estate Time-Share Act.

13 (g) Notwithstanding anything that may appear in any  
14 individual licensing statute or administrative rule, the  
15 Department shall deny any license application or renewal  
16 authorized under any licensing Act administered by the  
17 Department to any person who has failed to file a return, or to  
18 pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or  
19 to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as  
20 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department  
21 of Revenue, until such time as the requirement of any such tax  
22 Act are satisfied; however, the Department may issue a license  
23 or renewal if the person has established a satisfactory  
24 repayment record as determined by the Illinois Department of  
25 Revenue. For the purpose of this Section, "satisfactory  
26 repayment record" shall be defined by rule.



1           In addition, a complaint filed with the Department by the  
2 Illinois Department of Revenue that includes a certification,  
3 signed by its Director or designee, attesting to the amount of  
4 the unpaid tax liability or the years for which a return was  
5 not filed, or both, is prima facie evidence of the licensee's  
6 failure to comply with the tax laws administered by the  
7 Illinois Department of Revenue. Upon receipt of that  
8 certification, the Department shall, without a hearing,  
9 immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee.  
10 Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60  
11 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to  
12 the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order by  
13 certified and regular mail to the licensee's last known address  
14 as registered with the Department. The notice shall advise the  
15 licensee that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after  
16 the issuance of the Department's order unless the Department  
17 receives, from the licensee, a request for a hearing before the  
18 Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

19           Any suspension imposed under this subsection (g) shall be  
20 terminated by the Department upon notification from the  
21 Illinois Department of Revenue that the licensee is in  
22 compliance with all tax laws administered by the Illinois  
23 Department of Revenue.

24           The Department shall promulgate rules for the  
25 administration of this subsection (g).

26           (h) The Department may grant the title "Retired", to be

1 used immediately adjacent to the title of a profession  
2 regulated by the Department, to eligible retirees. For  
3 individuals licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
4 the title "Retired" may be used in the profile required by the  
5 Patients' Right to Know Act. The use of the title "Retired"  
6 shall not constitute representation of current licensure,  
7 registration, or certification. Any person without an active  
8 license, registration, or certificate in a profession that  
9 requires licensure, registration, or certification shall not  
10 be permitted to practice that profession.

11 (i) Within 180 days after December 23, 2009 (the effective  
12 date of Public Act 96-852), the Department shall promulgate  
13 rules which permit a person with a criminal record, who seeks a  
14 license or certificate in an occupation for which a criminal  
15 record is not expressly a per se bar, to apply to the  
16 Department for a non-binding, advisory opinion to be provided  
17 by the Board or body with the authority to issue the license or  
18 certificate as to whether his or her criminal record would bar  
19 the individual from the licensure or certification sought,  
20 should the individual meet all other licensure requirements  
21 including, but not limited to, the successful completion of the  
22 relevant examinations.

23 (Source: P.A. 97-650, eff. 2-1-12; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14;  
24 98-850, eff. 1-1-15.)

25 Section 10. The Patients' Right to Know Act is amended by

1 changing Section 10 as follows:

2 (225 ILCS 61/10)

3 Sec. 10. Physician profiles. The Department shall make  
4 available to the public a profile of each physician. The  
5 Department shall make this information available through an  
6 Internet web site and, if requested, in writing. Except as  
7 otherwise provided in this Section, the ~~The~~ physician profile  
8 shall contain the following information:

9 (1) the full name of the physician;

10 (2) a description of any criminal convictions for  
11 felonies and Class A misdemeanors, as determined by the  
12 Department, within the most recent 10 years. For the  
13 purposes of this Section, a person shall be deemed to be  
14 convicted of a crime if he or she pleaded guilty or if he  
15 was found or adjudged guilty by a court of competent  
16 jurisdiction;

17 (3) a description of any final Department disciplinary  
18 actions within the most recent 10 years;

19 (4) a description of any final disciplinary actions by  
20 licensing boards in other states within the most recent 10  
21 years;

22 (5) a description of revocation or involuntary  
23 restriction of hospital privileges for reasons related to  
24 competence or character that have been taken by the  
25 hospital's governing body or any other official of the

1 hospital after procedural due process has been afforded, or  
2 the resignation from or nonrenewal of medical staff  
3 membership or the restriction of privileges at a hospital  
4 taken in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary  
5 case related to competence or character in that hospital.  
6 Only cases which have occurred within the most recent 10  
7 years shall be disclosed by the Department to the public;

8 (6) all medical malpractice court judgments and all  
9 medical malpractice arbitration awards in which a payment  
10 was awarded to a complaining party during the most recent  
11 10 years and all settlements of medical malpractice claims  
12 in which a payment was made to a complaining party within  
13 the most recent 10 years. A medical malpractice judgment or  
14 award that has been appealed shall be identified  
15 prominently as "Under Appeal" on the profile within 20 days  
16 of formal written notice to the Department. Information  
17 concerning all settlements shall be accompanied by the  
18 following statement: "Settlement of a claim may occur for a  
19 variety of reasons which do not necessarily reflect  
20 negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the  
21 physician. A payment in settlement of a medical malpractice  
22 action or claim should not be construed as creating a  
23 presumption that medical malpractice has occurred."  
24 Nothing in this subdivision (6) shall be construed to limit  
25 or prevent the Disciplinary Board from providing further  
26 explanatory information regarding the significance of

1 categories in which settlements are reported. Pending  
2 malpractice claims shall not be disclosed by the Department  
3 to the public. Nothing in this subdivision (6) shall be  
4 construed to prevent the Disciplinary Board from  
5 investigating and the Department from disciplining a  
6 physician on the basis of medical malpractice claims that  
7 are pending;

8 (7) names of medical schools attended, dates of  
9 attendance, and date of graduation;

10 (8) graduate medical education;

11 (9) specialty board certification. The toll-free  
12 number of the American Board of Medical Specialties shall  
13 be included to verify current board certification status;

14 (10) number of years in practice and locations;

15 (11) names of the hospitals where the physician has  
16 privileges;

17 (12) appointments to medical school faculties and  
18 indication as to whether a physician has a responsibility  
19 for graduate medical education within the most recent 10  
20 years;

21 (13) information regarding publications in  
22 peer-reviewed medical literature within the most recent 10  
23 years;

24 (14) information regarding professional or community  
25 service activities and awards;

26 (15) the location of the physician's primary practice

1 setting;

2 (16) identification of any translating services that  
3 may be available at the physician's primary practice  
4 location; and

5 (17) an indication of whether the physician  
6 participates in the Medicaid program.

7 A physician who has retired from active practice may use  
8 the title "Retired" in his or her physician profile. If the  
9 physician uses that title in his or her profile, he or she is  
10 not required to provide office addresses and other practice  
11 specific information.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-280, eff. 8-9-11; 98-210, eff. 1-1-14.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.