

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act is amended by changing Section 13 as follows:

(225 ILCS 75/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 3713)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

Sec. 13. Endorsement. The Department may, in its discretion, license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, without examination, on payment of the required fee, an applicant who is an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction, upon filing of an application on forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and meeting such requirements as are established by rule. The Department may adopt rules governing recognition of education and legal practice in another jurisdiction, requiring additional education, and determining when an examination may be required. ~~if the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction were, at the date of his licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements in force in this State on that date or equivalent to the requirements of this Act.~~

An applicant for endorsement who has practiced for 10 consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an application on forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without discipline by certified verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

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

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

Section 10. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:

(225 ILCS 90/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 4261)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

Sec. 11. Endorsement. The Department may, without examination, grant a license under this Act to an applicant who is licensed as a ~~in its discretion, license as a~~ physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, without examination, on payment of the required fee, an applicant for a license who is a physical therapist or physical therapist

assistant, as the case may be, licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction upon filing of an application on forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and meeting such requirements as are established by rule. The Department may adopt rules governing recognition of education and legal practice in another jurisdiction, requiring additional education, and determining when an examination may be required. ~~state if the requirements for a license of physical therapists or physical therapist assistant in the state in which the applicant was licensed were at the date of his or her licensure substantially equal to the requirements in force in this State on that date.~~

An applicant for endorsement who has practiced for 10 consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an application on forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without discipline by certified verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

The Department may waive the English proficiency examination by rule.

Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee forfeited and the applicant must reapply and meet the

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requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 1-1-96.)

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