



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3395

Introduced 2/16/2018, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 75/13  
225 ILCS 90/11

from Ch. 111, par. 3713  
from Ch. 111, par. 4261

Amends the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act and the Illinois Physical Therapy Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may issue an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, or physical therapist assistant license to an applicant who is licensed under another jurisdiction upon filing an application, paying the required fee, and meeting requirements established by rule (rather than if the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction were, at the date of licensure, substantially equivalent to the requirements in force in this State on that date or equivalent to the requirements of this Act). Provides that an applicant for endorsement shall meet the requirements for endorsement upon filing the application, 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 by the jurisdiction. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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

6 (225 ILCS 75/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 3713)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

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

1       An applicant for endorsement shall meet the requirements  
2       for licensure by endorsement upon filing an application on  
3       forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and  
4       showing proof of licensure in another jurisdiction for at least  
5       10 consecutive years without discipline by certified  
6       verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the  
7       applicant practiced.

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

13      (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

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

16           (225 ILCS 90/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 4261)

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

18      Sec. 11. Endorsement. The Department may, without  
19      examination, grant a license under this Act to an applicant who  
20      is licensed as a ~~in its discretion, license as a~~ physical  
21      therapist or physical therapist assistant, without  
22      examination, on payment of the required fee, an applicant for a  
23      license who is a physical therapist or physical therapist  
24      assistant, as the case may be, licensed under the laws of

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

12 An applicant for endorsement shall meet the requirements  
13 for licensure by endorsement upon filing an application on  
14 forms provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and  
15 showing proof of licensure in another jurisdiction for at least  
16 10 consecutive years without discipline by certified  
17 verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the  
18 applicant practiced.

19 The Department may waive the English proficiency  
20 examination by rule.

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

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

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