

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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)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 who has practiced for 10  
2       consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the  
3       requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an  
4       application on forms provided by the Department, paying the  
5       required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another  
6       jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without  
7       discipline by certified verification of licensure from the  
8       jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

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

14       (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

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

17               (225 ILCS 90/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 4261)

18               (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

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

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

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

21 The Department may waive the English proficiency  
22 examination by rule.

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

1 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

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

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