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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2397

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2397 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The University of Illinois Hospital Act is
5 amended by adding Section 7.1 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 330/7.1 new)

7 Sec. 7.1. Infection preventionists.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "infection
9 preventionist" means a person designated by the University of
10 Illinois Hospital to identify infectious disease processes,
11 conduct surveillance and epidemiologic investigations, and
12 develop plans to prevent and control the transmission of
13 infectious agents within the University of Illinois Hospital.

14 (b) A person shall not function as an infection
15 preventionist at the University of Illinois Hospital, and the
16 University of Illinois Hospital shall not employ or contract

1 for the services of an infection preventionist, unless the
2 person meets one of the following requirements:

3 (1) The person has successfully passed an exam from a
4 nationally accredited infection prevention and
5 epidemiology accrediting organization and holds and
6 maintains certification in infection prevention and
7 control from a nationally accredited infection prevention
8 and epidemiology certification organization.

9 (2) The person provides evidence that he or she was
10 employed or otherwise contracted to provide services as an
11 infection preventionist in a hospital for a cumulative
12 period of one year within the 4 years immediately preceding
13 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
14 General Assembly. Any contractor or employer of an
15 infection preventionist on the effective date of this
16 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall confirm
17 in a writing to each infection preventionist of the
18 infection preventionist's contract or employment in that
19 capacity.

20 (3) The person is a student or intern performing the
21 functions of an infection preventionist, is under the
22 direct supervision of an infection preventionist
23 appropriately certified under paragraph (1) of this
24 subsection, and is functioning within the scope of a
25 student's or intern's training.

26 (c) A person who functions as an infection preventionist as

1 provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall have 3 years
2 from the date of hire to obtain the infection preventionist
3 credentials outlined in paragraph (1) of subsection (b).

4 (d) The University of Illinois Hospital may employ or
5 contract with a person who does not meet the requirements under
6 subsection (b) as an infection preventionist if:

7 (1) after a diligent and thorough effort has been made,
8 the University of Illinois Hospital is unable to employ or
9 contract with a sufficient number of infection
10 preventionists who meet the requirements under subsection
11 (b); and

12 (2) the University of Illinois Hospital makes a written
13 record of its efforts to employ or contract with a
14 sufficient number of infection preventionists who meet the
15 requirements under subsection (b) and retains those
16 records at the University of Illinois Hospital.

17 The person must meet the requirements under paragraph (1)
18 of subsection (b) within 3 years after the start of employment
19 or contracting as an infection preventionist.

20 (e) If the University of Illinois Hospital employs or
21 contracts with an infection preventionist, the University of
22 Illinois Hospital shall, upon request of another hospital or an
23 infection preventionist employed by, formerly employed by, or
24 contracted to perform as an infection preventionist at the
25 University of Illinois Hospital, verify the dates of employment
26 or contract of the infection preventionist.

1 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any person from
2 performing an infection preventionist's tasks or functions if
3 the person is acting within the scope of his or her practice.
4 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent or
5 restrict the practice, provision of services, or activities of
6 any person licensed or registered in this State under any other
7 law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he
8 or she is licensed or registered.

9 (g) The Department of Public Health may adopt rules to
10 implement and administer this Section.

11 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding
12 Section 6.23b as follows:

13 (210 ILCS 85/6.23b new)

14 Sec. 6.23b. Infection preventionists.

15 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "infection
16 preventionist" means a person designated by a hospital to
17 identify infectious disease processes, conduct surveillance
18 and epidemiologic investigations, and develop plans to prevent
19 and control the transmission of infectious agents within the
20 hospital.

21 (b) A person shall not function as an infection
22 preventionist at a hospital, and a hospital shall not employ or
23 otherwise contract for the services of an infection
24 preventionist, unless the person meets one of the following

1 requirements:

2 (1) The person has successfully passed an exam from a
3 nationally accredited infection prevention and
4 epidemiology accrediting organization and holds and
5 maintains certification in infection prevention and
6 control from a nationally accredited infection prevention
7 and epidemiology certification organization.

8 (2) The person provides evidence that he or she was
9 employed or otherwise contracted to provide services as an
10 infection preventionist in a hospital for a cumulative
11 period of one year within the 4 years immediately preceding
12 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
13 General Assembly. Any contractor or employer of an
14 infection preventionist on the effective date of this
15 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall confirm
16 in a writing to each infection preventionist of the
17 infection preventionist's contract or employment in that
18 capacity.

19 (3) The person is a student or intern performing the
20 functions of an infection preventionist, is under the
21 direct supervision of an infection preventionist
22 appropriately certified under paragraph (1) of this
23 subsection, and is functioning within the scope of a
24 student's or intern's training.

25 (c) A person who functions as an infection preventionist as
26 provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall have 3 years

1 from the date of hire to obtain the infection preventionist
2 credentials outlined in paragraph (1) of subsection (b).

3 (d) A hospital may employ or contract with a person who
4 does not meet the requirements under subsection (b) as an
5 infection preventionist if:

6 (1) after a diligent and thorough effort has been made,
7 the hospital is unable to employ or contract with a
8 sufficient number of infection preventionists who meet the
9 requirements under subsection (b); and

10 (2) the hospital makes a written record of its efforts
11 to employ or contract with a sufficient number of infection
12 preventionists who meet the requirements under subsection
13 (b) and retains those records at the hospital.

14 The person must meet the requirements under paragraph (1)
15 of subsection (b) within 3 years after the start of employment
16 or contracting as an infection preventionist.

17 (e) If a hospital employs or contracts with an infection
18 preventionist, the hospital shall, upon request of another
19 hospital or an infection preventionist employed by, formerly
20 employed by, or contracted to perform as an infection
21 preventionist at the hospital, verify the dates of employment
22 or contract of the infection preventionist.

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24 performing an infection preventionist's tasks or functions if
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26 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent or

1 restrict the practice, provision of services, or activities of
2 any person licensed or registered in this State by any other
3 law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he
4 or she is licensed or registered.

5 (g) The Department of Public Health may adopt rules to
6 implement and administer this Section."