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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/7), the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a proclamation declaring that a public health emergency exists related to the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, As the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, ordered during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the requirement in the Section 2105-400 of the Civil Administrative Code, 20 ILCS 2105-400, and its accompanying regulations, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to take certain actions to increase the number of licensed professionals responding to the disaster, is suspended to the extent it limits the Secretary's authority to those persons working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) pursuant to a declared disaster by the Governor; and

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WHEREAS, The Governor further ordered that the requirement that the Secretary shall only exercise this authority "in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and

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1 the Department of Public Health" remains in effect and that in
2 exercising this authority, the Secretary shall work closely
3 with the Directors of the IEMA and the IDH to ensure any
4 impacted licensed professionals are aiding in the response to
5 the disaster; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 2105-400(a)(1) of the Civil
7 Administrative Code (20 ILCS 2105) authorizes the Secretary of
8 the IDFPR to suspend the requirements for permanent licensure
9 of persons who are licensed in another state and modify the
10 scope of practice restrictions under any licensing act
11 administered by the Department; and

12 WHEREAS, The Secretary of IDFPR has coordinated a response
13 to the declared public health emergency with IEMA and IDPH,
14 including expanding the scope of practice of dentists in order
15 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Dental Practice Act, dentists
17 are authorized to administer influenza (inactivated influenza
18 vaccine and live attenuated influenza intranasal vaccinations)
19 to patients 18 years of age and older pursuant to a valid
20 prescription or standing order by a physician licensed; and

21 WHEREAS, Under the Illinois Dental Practice Act
22 Administrative Rules section 1220.240(g)(2), dental hygienists

1 may administer local anesthetics upon successful completion of
2 a 32-hour course that covers pharmacology, anatomy, techniques
3 in the use of mandibular block and infiltration injections, and
4 post-operative instructions; and

5 WHEREAS, There are currently two vaccines approved under
6 the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), and more approvals are
7 expected in the coming months; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a shortage of healthcare providers
9 available to administer the millions of vaccines needed to
10 reach a level of herd immunity; and

11 WHEREAS, The inability to provide this needed vaccine due
12 to a lack of healthcare providers trained to administer the
13 necessary vaccinations will possibly contribute to unnecessary
14 sickness and death; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor
17 and the Secretary of the IDFPR to issue an Amended Emergency
18 Proclamation to include an amended version that allows dentists
19 to receive, store, and administer the COVID-19 vaccine and a
20 second provision allowing Just in Time (JIT) training for both
21 dentists and dental hygienists in order to participate in mass
22 vaccination efforts throughout the State of Illinois; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois licensed dentist's and
3 dental hygienist's scope of practice under the Dental Practice
4 Act, 225 ILCS 25, to be expanded to allow them to administer
5 COVID-19 vaccinations to persons 16 years of age and older
6 pursuant to a standing order and pursuant to the following
7 requirements:

8 (1) The vaccine must be FDA-authorized or
9 FDA-licensed;

10 (2) The vaccination must be ordered and administered
11 according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization
12 Practices' (ACIP) standard immunization schedule;

13 (3) The dentist must complete a practical training
14 program of at least 4 hours that is approved by an Illinois
15 approved sponsor pursuant to 68 Ill. Adm. Code
16 1220.440(b)(2); this training program must include a
17 review of hands-on injection techniques, clinical
18 evaluation of indications and contraindications of
19 vaccines, the recognition and treatment of adverse
20 reactions to vaccines including anaphylactic shock
21 symptoms and treatment, the appropriate method of storage,
22 handling and disposal of vaccines and all used supplies or
23 contaminated equipment, and the proper administration and
24 maintenance of written policies and procedures pursuant to
25 Section 1220.403 of the Administrative Rules;

1 (4) The dentist must have a current certificate in
2 basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

3 (5) The dentist must comply with record-keeping and
4 reporting requirements of the jurisdiction in which he or
5 she administers vaccines, including informing the
6 patient's primary-care provider within 30 days after
7 administration of a vaccine, submitting the required
8 immunization information to the State or local
9 immunization information system (vaccine registry),
10 complying with requirements with respect to reporting
11 adverse events, and complying with requirements whereby
12 the person administering a vaccine must review the vaccine
13 registry or other vaccination records prior to
14 administering a vaccine; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we also urge that the scope of practice for
16 a licensed dentist or a dental hygienist who has completed
17 prior training in mandibular block and infiltration injection
18 techniques and for those dentists and dental hygienists who
19 wish to only volunteer as part of a mass vaccination effort for
20 the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations to persons 16 years
21 of age and older pursuant to a standing order be additionally
22 expanded to allow, as an alternative to the training provisions
23 in (3), (4) and (5) above, administration of vaccines under a
24 Just in Time (JIT) training model, if provided, under the
25 coordination and supervision of a medical facility or local

1 health mass vaccination plan pursuant to the following
2 requirements:

3 (1) The dentist or dental hygienist must complete a
4 Just in Time (JIT) training program of at least 1 hour that
5 is approved by an Illinois approved continuing education
6 sponsor pursuant to 68 Ill Adm Code 1220.440(b)(2); this
7 training program must include instruction on hands-on
8 intramuscular injection techniques, medication dosage,
9 clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications
10 of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of adverse
11 reactions to vaccines including anaphylactic shock
12 symptoms and treatment;

13 (2) Proper handling of vaccines and all supplies or
14 contaminated equipment and proper record-keeping policies
15 and procedures required by the facility;

16 (3) The dentist and dental hygienist volunteering
17 under this section must have a current proof of license and
18 a certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

19 (4) Complete an orientation at the medical facility or
20 public health facility on workstation requirements and
21 protocol; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution should be
23 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the
24 Secretary of the IDFPR, and the Director of the IDPH.