

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
5 amended by changing Section 5-235 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5/5-235) (was 20 ILCS 5/7.03)

7 Sec. 5-235. In the Department of Public Health.

8 (a) The Director of Public Health shall be either a
9 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches
10 in Illinois or a person who has administrative experience in
11 public health work at the local, state, or national level in
12 accordance with subsection (b).

13 If the Director is not a physician licensed to practice
14 medicine in all its branches, then a Medical Director ~~The~~
15 ~~Assistant Director of Public Health~~ shall be appointed who
16 shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its
17 branches ~~a person who has administrative experience in public~~
18 ~~health work.~~ The Medical Director shall report directly to the
19 Director. If the Director is not a physician, the Medical
20 Director shall have primary responsibility for overseeing the
21 following regulatory and policy areas:

22 (1) Department responsibilities concerning hospital
23 and health care facility regulation, emergency services,

1 ambulatory surgical treatment centers, health care
2 professional regulation and credentialing, advising the
3 Board of Health, patient safety initiatives, and the
4 State's response to disease prevention and outbreak
5 management and control.

6 (2) Any other duties assigned by the Director or
7 required by law.

8 (b) A Director of Public Health who is not a physician
9 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches shall at a
10 minimum have the following education and experience:

11 (1) 5 years of full-time administrative experience in
12 public health and a master's degree in public health from
13 (i) a college or university accredited by the North Central
14 Association or (ii) any other nationally recognized
15 regional accrediting agency; or

16 (2) 5 years of full-time administrative experience in
17 public health and a graduate degree in a related field from
18 (i) a college or university accredited by the North Central
19 Association or (ii) any other nationally recognized
20 regional accrediting agency. For the purposes of this item
21 (2), "a graduate degree in a related field" includes, but
22 is not limited to, a master's degree in public
23 administration, nursing, environmental health, community
24 health, or health education.

25 (c) The Assistant Director of Public Health shall be a
26 person who has administrative experience in public health work.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

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