



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1580

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Amy Briel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 20/13.2
225 ILCS 60/9.1
225 ILCS 65/50-27
225 ILCS 85/27.1
225 ILCS 95/14.2

Amends the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Nurse Practice Act, the Pharmacy Practice Act, and the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987. Provides that, during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall allow individuals in rural counties a one-time waiver of fees imposed under specific provisions in each Act. Effective immediately.

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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 Clinical Social Work and Social Work
5 Practice Act is amended by changing Section 13.2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 20/13.2)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 13.2. Fee waivers.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "rural county" means a county
10 not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
11 United States Census Bureau, or a county that is part of a
12 metropolitan statistical area but has a population fewer than
13 60,000.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
15 during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026 ~~2022, 2023, and 2024,~~
16 the Department shall allow individuals in rural counties a
17 one-time waiver of fees imposed under subsection (a) of
18 Section 11 or Section 7, 9, 9A, 12.5, or 13 of this Act. No
19 individual may benefit from such waiver more than once.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

21 Section 10. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by
22 changing Section 9.1 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 60/9.1)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

3 Sec. 9.1. Fee waivers.

4 (a) As used in this Section, "rural county" means a county
5 not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
6 United States Census Bureau, or a county that is part of a
7 metropolitan statistical area but has a population fewer than
8 60,000.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
10 during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026 ~~2022, 2023, and 2024,~~
11 the Department shall allow individuals in rural counties a
12 one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 9, 19, or 21 of
13 this Act. No individual may benefit from such waiver more than
14 once.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

16 Section 15. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
17 Section 50-27 as follows:

18 (225 ILCS 65/50-27)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

20 Sec. 50-27. Fee waivers.

21 (a) As used in this Section, "rural county" means a county
22 not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
23 United States Census Bureau, or a county that is part of a

1 metropolitan statistical area but has a population fewer than
2 60,000.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
4 during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026 ~~2022, 2023, and 2024~~,
5 the Department shall allow individuals in rural counties a
6 one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 50-26, 55-10,
7 55-11, 55-15, 60-10, 60-11, 60-20, 65-5, 65-15, or 70-45 of
8 this Act. No individual may benefit from such waiver more than
9 once.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

11 Section 20. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by
12 changing Section 27.1 as follows:

13 (225 ILCS 85/27.1)

14 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

15 Sec. 27.1. Fee waivers.

16 (a) As used in this Section, "rural county" means a county
17 not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
18 United States Census Bureau, or a county that is part of a
19 metropolitan statistical area but has a population fewer than
20 60,000.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
22 during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026 ~~2022, 2023, and 2024~~,
23 the Department shall allow individuals in rural counties a
24 one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 7, 8, 9, 9.5, or

1 27 of this Act. No individual may benefit from such waiver more
2 than once.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

4 Section 25. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987
5 is amended by changing Section 14.2 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 95/14.2)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 14.2. Fee waivers.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "rural county" means a county
10 not part of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the
11 United States Census Bureau, or a county that is part of a
12 metropolitan statistical area but has a population fewer than
13 60,000.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
15 during State fiscal years 2025 and 2026 ~~2022, 2023, and 2024,~~
16 the Department shall allow individuals in rural counties a
17 one-time waiver of fees imposed under Section 9, 14.1, 15, or
18 16 of this Act. No individual may benefit from such waiver more
19 than once.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-699, eff. 4-19-22.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.