

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by changing Section 2310-600 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-600)

8 Sec. 2310-600. Advance directive information.

9 (a) The Department of Public Health shall prepare and  
10 publish the summary of advance directives law, as required by  
11 the federal Patient Self-Determination Act, and related forms.  
12 Publication may be limited to the World Wide Web. The summary  
13 required under this subsection (a) must include the Department  
14 of Public Health Uniform POLST form.

15 (b) The Department of Public Health shall publish Spanish  
16 language versions of the following:

17 (1) The statutory Living Will Declaration form.

18 (2) The Illinois Statutory Short Form Power of  
19 Attorney for Health Care.

20 (3) The statutory Declaration of Mental Health  
21 Treatment Form.

22 (4) The summary of advance directives law in Illinois.

23 (5) The Department of Public Health Uniform POLST

1 form.

2 Publication may be limited to the World Wide Web.

3 (b-5) In consultation with a statewide professional  
4 organization representing physicians licensed to practice  
5 medicine in all its branches, statewide organizations  
6 representing physician assistants, advanced practice  
7 registered nurses, nursing homes, registered professional  
8 nurses, and emergency medical systems, and a statewide  
9 organization representing hospitals, the Department of Public  
10 Health shall develop and publish a uniform form for  
11 practitioner cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or  
12 life-sustaining treatment orders that may be utilized in all  
13 settings. The form shall meet the published minimum  
14 requirements to nationally be considered a practitioner orders  
15 for life-sustaining treatment form, or POLST, and may be  
16 referred to as the Department of Public Health Uniform POLST  
17 form. An electronic version of the Uniform POLST form under  
18 this Act may be created, signed, or revoked electronically  
19 using a generic, technology-neutral system in which each user  
20 is assigned a unique identifier that is securely maintained  
21 and in a manner that meets the regulatory requirements for a  
22 digital or electronic signature. Compliance with the standards  
23 defined in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or the  
24 implementing rules of the Hospital Licensing Act for medical  
25 record entry authentication for author validation of the  
26 documentation, content accuracy, and completeness meets this

1 standard. This form does not replace a physician's or other  
2 practitioner's authority to make a do-not-resuscitate (DNR)  
3 order.

4 (b-10) In consultation with a statewide professional  
5 organization representing physicians licensed to practice  
6 medicine in all its branches, statewide organizations  
7 representing physician assistants, advanced practice  
8 registered nurses, nursing homes, registered professional  
9 nurses, and emergency medical systems, a statewide bar  
10 association, a national bar association with an Illinois  
11 chapter that concentrates in elder and disability law, a  
12 not-for-profit organ procurement organization that coordinates  
13 organ and tissue donation, a statewide committee or group  
14 responsible for stakeholder education about POLST issues, and  
15 a statewide organization representing hospitals, the  
16 Department of Public Health shall study the feasibility of  
17 creating a statewide registry of advance directives and POLST  
18 forms. The registry would allow residents of this State to  
19 submit the forms and for the forms to be made available to  
20 health care providers and professionals in a timely manner for  
21 the provision of care or services. This study must be filed  
22 with the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2021.

23 (b-15) The Department of Public Health shall approve  
24 training resources to support informed decisions and accurate  
25 completion of the Department of Public Health Uniform POLST  
26 form. The Department of Public Health shall post approved

1 POLST training material to the Department of Public Health's  
2 website. The Department of Public Health shall establish a  
3 simple, efficient, and effective process to make available  
4 yearly training to support informed decisions and accurate  
5 completion of the Department of Public Health Uniform POLST  
6 form for personnel employed by or contracted with facilities  
7 licensed and classified to provide intermediate care or  
8 skilled nursing care under the Nursing Home Care Act and other  
9 health care providers that use the Department of Public Health  
10 Uniform POLST form.

11 (c) (Blank).

12 (d) The Department of Public Health shall publish the  
13 Department of Public Health Uniform POLST form reflecting the  
14 changes made by this amendatory Act of the 98th General  
15 Assembly no later than January 1, 2015.

16 (Source: P.A. 101-163, eff. 1-1-20; 102-38, eff. 6-25-21.)