

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 Medical School Curriculum Act is amended by
5 adding Section 3 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 55/3 new)

7 Sec. 3. Menopause education required. In addition to the
8 requirements imposed by this Act, each and every medical
9 school established, maintained, and operated by the State of
10 Illinois shall include in the curriculum the study of
11 perimenopause and menopause recognition and management. Such
12 study may be by specific courses in perimenopause and
13 menopause or may be incorporated in existing subjects taught
14 in the school.

15 Section 10. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
16 Sections 55-5 and 60-5 as follows:

17 (225 ILCS 65/55-5)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

19 Sec. 55-5. LPN education program requirements.

20 (a) All Illinois practical nurse education programs must
21 be reviewed by the Board and approved by the Department before

1 the successful completion of such a program may be applied
2 toward meeting the requirements for practical nurse licensure
3 under this Act. Any program changing the level of educational
4 preparation or the relationship with or to the parent
5 institution or establishing an extension of an existing
6 program must request a review by the Board and approval by the
7 Department. The Board shall review and make a recommendation
8 for the approval or disapproval of a program by the Department
9 based on the following criteria:

10 (1) a feasibility study that describes the need for
11 the program and the facilities used, the potential of the
12 program to recruit faculty and students, financial support
13 for the program, and other criteria, as established by
14 rule;

15 (2) program curriculum, including the study of
16 perimenopause and menopause recognition and management,
17 that meets all State requirements;

18 (3) the administration of the program by a Nurse
19 Administrator and the involvement of a Nurse Administrator
20 in the development of the program; and

21 (4) the occurrence of a site visit prior to approval.

22 (b) In order to obtain initial Department approval and to
23 maintain Department approval, a practical nursing program must
24 meet all of the following requirements:

25 (1) The program must continually be administered by a
26 Nurse Administrator.

1 (2) The institution responsible for conducting the
2 program and the Nurse Administrator must ensure that
3 individual faculty members are academically and
4 professionally competent.

5 (3) The program curriculum must contain all applicable
6 requirements established by rule, including both theory
7 and clinical components.

8 (4) The passage rates of the program's graduating
9 classes on the State-approved licensure exam must be
10 deemed satisfactory by the Department.

11 (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or
12 hosting a practical nursing program may be made at the
13 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation
14 of the Board.

15 (d) Any institution conducting a practical nursing program
16 that wishes to discontinue the program must do each of the
17 following:

18 (1) Notify the Department, in writing, of its intent
19 to discontinue the program.

20 (2) Continue to meet the requirements of this Act and
21 the rules adopted thereunder until the official date of
22 termination of the program.

23 (3) Notify the Department of the date on which the
24 last student shall graduate from the program and the
25 program shall terminate.

26 (4) Assist remaining students in the continuation of

1 their education in the event of program termination prior
2 to the graduation of the program's final student.

3 (5) Upon the closure of the program, notify the
4 Department, in writing, of the location of student and
5 graduate records storage.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)

7 (225 ILCS 65/60-5)

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

9 Sec. 60-5. RN education program requirements; out-of-State
10 programs.

11 (a) All registered professional nurse education programs
12 must be reviewed by the Board and approved by the Department
13 before the successful completion of such a program may be
14 applied toward meeting the requirements for registered
15 professional nurse licensure under this Act. Any program
16 changing the level of educational preparation or the
17 relationship with or to the parent institution or establishing
18 an extension of an existing program must request a review by
19 the Board and approval by the Department. The Board shall
20 review and make a recommendation for the approval or
21 disapproval of a program by the Department based on the
22 following criteria:

23 (1) a feasibility study that describes the need for
24 the program and the facilities used, the potential of the
25 program to recruit faculty and students, financial support

1 for the program, and other criteria, as established by
2 rule;

3 (2) program curriculum, including the study of
4 perimenopause and menopause recognition and management,
5 that meets all State requirements;

6 (2.5) measurement of program effectiveness based on a
7 passage rate of all graduates over the 3 most recent
8 calendar years without reference to first-time test
9 takers;

10 (3) the administration of the program by a Nurse
11 Administrator and the involvement of a Nurse Administrator
12 in the development of the program;

13 (4) the occurrence of a site visit prior to approval;
14 and

15 (5) beginning December 31, 2022, obtaining and
16 maintaining programmatic accreditation by a national
17 accrediting body for nursing education recognized by the
18 United States Department of Education and approved by the
19 Department.

20 The Department and Board of Nursing shall be notified
21 within 30 days if the program loses its accreditation. The
22 Department may adopt rules regarding a warning process and
23 reaccreditation.

24 (b) In order to obtain initial Department approval and to
25 maintain Department approval, a registered professional
26 nursing program must meet all of the following requirements:

1 (1) The institution responsible for conducting the
2 program and the Nurse Administrator must ensure that
3 individual faculty members are academically and
4 professionally competent.

5 (2) The program curriculum must contain all applicable
6 requirements established by rule, including both theory
7 and clinical components.

8 (3) The passage rates of the program's graduating
9 classes on the State-approved licensure exam must be
10 deemed satisfactory by the Department.

11 (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or
12 hosting a professional nursing program may be made at the
13 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation
14 of the Board. Full routine site visits may be conducted by the
15 Department for periodic evaluation. Such visits shall be used
16 to determine compliance with this Act. Full routine site
17 visits must be announced and may be waived at the discretion of
18 the Department if the program maintains accreditation with an
19 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of
20 Education and approved by the Department.

21 (d) Any institution conducting a registered professional
22 nursing program that wishes to discontinue the program must do
23 each of the following:

24 (1) Notify the Department, in writing, of its intent
25 to discontinue the program.

26 (2) Continue to meet the requirements of this Act and

1 the rules adopted thereunder until the official date of
2 termination of the program.

3 (3) Notify the Department of the date on which the
4 last student shall graduate from the program and the
5 program shall terminate.

6 (4) Assist remaining students in the continuation of
7 their education in the event of program termination prior
8 to the graduation of the program's final student.

9 (5) Upon the closure of the program, notify the
10 Department, in writing, of the location of student and
11 graduate records' storage.

12 (e) Out-of-State registered professional nursing education
13 programs planning to offer clinical practice experiences in
14 this State must meet the requirements set forth in this
15 Section and must meet the clinical and faculty requirements
16 for institutions outside of this State, as established by
17 rule. The institution responsible for conducting an
18 out-of-State registered professional nursing education program
19 and the administrator of the program shall be responsible for
20 ensuring that the individual faculty and preceptors overseeing
21 the clinical experience are academically and professionally
22 competent.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-533, eff. 1-1-24.)

24 Section 15. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987
25 is amended by changing Section 13 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 95/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 4613)

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

3 Sec. 13. Department powers and duties.

4 (a) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Department
5 shall:

6 (1) adopt rules setting forth standards to be met by a
7 school or institution offering a course of training for
8 physician assistants prior to approval of such school or
9 institution, including the study of perimenopause and
10 menopause recognition and management;

11 (2) adopt rules setting forth uniform and reasonable
12 standards of instruction to be met prior to approval of
13 such course of institution for physician assistants; and

14 (3) determine the reputability and good standing of
15 such schools or institutions and their course of
16 instruction for physician assistants by reference to
17 compliance with such rules, provided that no school of
18 physician assistants that refuses admittance to applicants
19 solely on account of race, color, sex, or creed shall be
20 considered reputable and in good standing.

21 (b) No rule shall be adopted under this Act which allows a
22 physician assistant to perform any act, task, or function
23 primarily performed in the lawful practice of optometry under
24 the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987.

25 (c) All rules shall be submitted to the Board for review

1 and the Department shall consider any comments provided by the
2 Board.

3 (Source: P.A. 100-453, eff. 8-25-17.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
5 1, 2027.