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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3897

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3897, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by
6 changing Sections 4.37 and 4.42 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 80/4.37)

8 Sec. 4.37. Acts and Articles repealed on January 1, 2027.

9 The following are repealed on January 1, 2027:

10 The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act.

11 The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987.

12 Articles II, III, IV, V, VI, VIIA, VIIC, XVII, XXXI, and
13 XXXI 1/4 of the Illinois Insurance Code.

14 The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation Act.

15 The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act.

16 The Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act.

1 ~~The Cemetery Oversight Act.~~

2 ~~The Community Association Manager Licensing and~~
3 ~~Disciplinary Act.~~

4 ~~The Detection of Deception Examiners Act.~~

5 ~~The Home Inspector License Act.~~

6 The Massage Licensing Act.

7 The Medical Practice Act of 1987.

8 The Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act.

9 The Radiation Protection Act of 1990.

10 ~~The Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002.~~

11 ~~The Registered Interior Designers Act.~~

12 ~~The Landscape Architecture Registration Act.~~

13 The Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's License
14 Act.

15 The Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Practice Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 6-25-21; 102-284, eff. 8-6-21;
17 102-437, eff. 8-20-21; 102-656, eff. 8-27-21; 102-683, eff.
18 10-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-371, eff. 1-1-24; 103-823,
19 eff. 8-9-24.)

20 (5 ILCS 80/4.42)

21 Sec. 4.42. Acts repealed on January 1, 2032. The following
22 Acts are repealed on January 1, 2032:

23 The Cemetery Oversight Act.

24 The Collateral Recovery Act.

25 The Community Association Manager Licensing and

1 Disciplinary Act.

2 The Detection of Deception Examiners Act.

3 The Home Inspector License Act.

4 The Landscape Architecture Registration Act.

5 The Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002.

6 The Registered Interior Designers Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-371, eff. 1-1-24.)

8 Section 10. The Auction License Act is amended by changing
9 Sections 5-10, 10-1, 10-30, 10-40, 10-45, 15-15, 15-25, 20-15,
10 20-15.1, 20-16, 20-20, 20-30, 20-35, 20-40, 20-43, 20-55,
11 20-56, 25-110, and 30-7 as follows:

12 (225 ILCS 407/5-10)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

14 Sec. 5-10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

15 "Advertisement" means any written, oral, or electronic
16 communication that contains a promotion, inducement, or offer
17 to conduct an auction or offer to provide an auction service,
18 including but not limited to brochures, pamphlets, radio and
19 television scripts, telephone and direct mail solicitations,
20 electronic media, Internet online, and other means of
21 promotion.

22 "Advisory Board" or "Board" means the Auctioneer Advisory
23 Board.

24 "Auction" means the sale or lease of property, real or

1 personal, by means of exchanges between an auctioneer and
2 prospective purchasers or lessees, which consists of a series
3 of invitations or bids for offers made by the auctioneer to
4 prospective purchasers or lessees for the purpose of obtaining
5 an acceptable offer for the sale or lease of property. ~~via~~
6 ~~mail, telecommunications, or the Internet online.~~

7 "Auction contract" means a written agreement between an
8 auctioneer or auction firm and a seller or sellers.

9 "Auction firm" means any corporation, partnership, or
10 limited liability company that ~~acts as an auctioneer and~~
11 provides an auction service.

12 "Auction school" means any educational institution, public
13 or private, that offers a curriculum of auctioneer education
14 and training approved by the Department.

15 "Auction service" means the service of arranging,
16 managing, advertising, or conducting auctions.

17 "Auctioneer" means a person or entity who, for another,
18 for a fee, compensation, commission, or any other valuable
19 consideration at auction or with the intention or expectation
20 of receiving valuable consideration by the means of or process
21 of an auction or sale at auction or providing an auction
22 service, offers, negotiates, or attempts to negotiate an
23 auction contract, sale, purchase, or exchange of goods,
24 chattels, merchandise, personal property, real property, or
25 any commodity that may be lawfully kept or offered for sale by
26 or at auction.

1 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
2 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application
3 file or license file maintained by the Department.

4 "Buyer premium" means any fee or compensation paid by the
5 successful purchaser of property sold or leased at or by
6 auction, to the auctioneer, auction firms, seller, lessor, or
7 other party to the transaction, other than the purchase price.

8 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
9 Professional Regulation.

10 "Division" means the Division of Real Estate within the
11 Department.

12 "Email address of record" means the designated email
13 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
14 application file or the licensee's license file maintained by
15 the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

16 "Estate sale" means a sale for liquidation of personal
17 property of an estate owned by one or more individuals,
18 families, or legal representatives of the estate that is
19 advertised and scheduled for a predetermined amount of time
20 and to which the public is invited to participate in a
21 negotiation or bid for the purchase of the personal property.

22 "Estate sale service" means the performance of an auction
23 service for the owners of personal property to be sold at an
24 estate sale, where an auctioneer undertakes the responsibility
25 of conducting the sale. "Estate sale service" does not include
26 the sale of real property.

1 "Goods" means chattels, movable goods, merchandise, or
2 personal property or commodities of any form or type that may
3 be lawfully kept or offered for sale.

4 "Interactive computer service" means any information
5 service, system, or access software provider that provides or
6 enables computer access by multiple users to a computer
7 server, including specifically a service or system that
8 provides access to the Internet.

9 "Internet auction listing service" means a website on the
10 Internet, or other interactive computer service, that is
11 designed to allow or advertise as a means of allowing users to
12 offer personal property or services for sale or lease to a
13 prospective buyer or lessee through an online bid submission
14 process using that website or interactive computer service and
15 that does not examine, set the price, prepare the description
16 of the personal property or service to be offered, or in any
17 way utilize the services of a natural person as an auctioneer.

18 "Licensee" means any person licensed under this Act.

19 "Managing auctioneer" means any person licensed as an
20 auctioneer who manages and supervises an auction firm
21 ~~licensees~~.

22 "Online auction" means an auction or auction service
23 conducted by an auctioneer via a website on the Internet, an
24 application, an interactive computer service, or other similar
25 media.

26 "Person" means an individual, association, partnership,

1 corporation, ~~or~~ limited liability company, or auction firm ~~or~~
2 ~~the officers, directors, or employees of the same.~~

3 ~~"Pre-renewal period" means the 24 months prior to the~~
4 ~~expiration date of a license issued under this Act.~~

5 "Real estate" means real estate as defined in Section 1-10
6 of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 or its successor Acts.

7 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
8 Professional Regulation or the Secretary's ~~his or her~~
9 designee.

10 (Source: P.A. 104-145, eff. 1-1-26.)

11 (225 ILCS 407/10-1)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

13 Sec. 10-1. Necessity of license; exemptions.

14 (a) It is unlawful for any person, corporation, limited
15 liability company, partnership, or other entity to conduct an
16 auction, provide an auction service, hold oneself ~~himself or~~
17 ~~herself~~ out as an auctioneer, or advertise ~~his or her~~ services
18 as an auctioneer in the State of Illinois without a license
19 issued by the Department under this Act, except at:

20 (1) an auction conducted solely by or for a
21 not-for-profit organization for charitable purposes in
22 which the individual receives no compensation;

23 (2) an auction conducted by the owner of the property,
24 real or personal;

25 (3) an auction for the sale or lease of real property

1 conducted by a licensee under the Real Estate License Act,
2 or its successor Acts, in accordance with the terms of
3 that Act;

4 (4) an auction conducted by a business registered as a
5 market agency under the federal Packers and Stockyards Act
6 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) or under the Livestock Auction
7 Market Law;

8 (5) an auction conducted by an agent, officer, or
9 employee of a federal agency in the conduct of the
10 agent's, officer's, or employee's ~~his or her~~ official
11 duties; and

12 (6) an auction conducted by an agent, officer, or
13 employee of the State government or any political
14 subdivision thereof performing ~~his or her~~ official duties.

15 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to a
16 new or used vehicle dealer or a vehicle auctioneer licensed by
17 the Secretary of State of Illinois, or to any employee of the
18 licensee, who is a resident of the State of Illinois, while the
19 employee is acting in the regular scope of ~~his or her~~
20 employment for the licensee while conducting an auction that
21 is not open to the public, provided that only new or used
22 vehicle dealers, rebuilders, automotive parts recyclers, or
23 scrap processors licensed by the Secretary of State or
24 licensed by another state or jurisdiction may buy property at
25 the auction, or to sales by or through the licensee.
26 Out-of-state salvage vehicle buyers licensed in another state

1 or jurisdiction may also buy property at the auction.

2 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a
3 person under the age of 18 from selling property under \$250 in
4 value while under the direct supervision of a licensed
5 auctioneer.

6 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to a
7 person providing an Internet auction listing service as
8 defined in Section 5-10.

9 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to a
10 third-party reseller of personal property where owners or
11 representatives of an estate have transferred ownership of the
12 property to the reseller to be sold anonymously. A third-party
13 reseller may include, but is not limited to, a retail seller, a
14 consignment seller, or a distributor who does not conduct an
15 estate sale.

16 (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to
17 any person as a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian,
18 administrator, or executor; any such person acting under an
19 order of any court, under the direction of any public
20 authority, or pursuant to any judicial decree; or any such
21 person acting pursuant to a trust agreement, deed of trust, or
22 will.

23 (g) The licensing of auction firms required under this Act
24 does not apply to an entity whose ownership structure consists
25 of one licensed auctioneer operating either (i) a sole
26 proprietorship, a single member limited liability company, or

1 a single shareholder corporation, or (ii) a limited liability
2 company, corporation, or partnership co-owned solely with the
3 auctioneer's unlicensed spouse. The auctioneer owner or
4 operator must be the only licensee performing auctions on the
5 entity's behalf and shall comply with all other provisions of
6 this Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 104-145, eff. 1-1-26.)

8 (225 ILCS 407/10-30)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

10 Sec. 10-30. Renewal ~~Expiration, renewal,~~ and continuing
11 education.

12 (a) License expiration dates, renewal periods, renewal
13 fees, and procedures for renewal of licenses issued under this
14 Act shall be set by rule of the Department. The holder of a
15 license under this Act may renew the license within 90 days
16 preceding the license's expiration date by completing and
17 submitting to the Department a renewal application in a manner
18 prescribed by the Department and paying the required fees. ~~An~~
19 ~~entity may renew its license by paying the required fee and by~~
20 ~~meeting the renewal requirements adopted by the Department~~
21 ~~under this Section.~~

22 (b) All individual renewal applicants must provide proof
23 as determined by the Department of having met the continuing
24 education requirements by the deadline set forth by the
25 Department by rule. At a minimum, the rules shall require an

1 applicant for renewal licensure as an auctioneer to provide
2 proof of the completion of at least 12 hours of continuing
3 education during the ~~pre-renewal~~ period established by the
4 Department for completion of continuing education from schools
5 approved by the Department, as established by rule.

6 (c) (Blank). ~~The Department, in its discretion, may waive~~
7 ~~enforcement of the continuing education requirements of this~~
8 ~~Section and shall adopt rules defining the standards and~~
9 ~~criteria for such waiver.~~

10 (c-5) The expiration date and renewal period for an
11 auction firm shall be set by rule. An auction firm whose
12 license under this Act has expired may renew the license for a
13 period of 2 years following the expiration date by complying
14 with the requirements of this Section and paying any late
15 penalties established by rule.

16 (d) (Blank).

17 (e) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
18 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or fee from a
19 disciplinary matter or from a non-disciplinary action imposed
20 by the Department until the fine or fee is paid to the
21 Department or the applicant or licensee has entered into a
22 payment plan and is current on the required payments.

23 (f) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
24 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or civil penalty
25 imposed by the Department for unlicensed practice until the
26 fine or civil penalty is paid to the Department or the

1 applicant or licensee has entered into a payment plan and is
2 current on the required payments.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-970, eff. 5-27-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

4 (225 ILCS 407/10-40)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

6 Sec. 10-40. Expiration, renewal, and restoration
7 Restoration.

8 (a) An auctioneer ~~A licensee~~ whose license has lapsed or
9 expired shall have 2 years from the expiration date to renew
10 the license ~~restore licensure~~ without examination. The ~~expired~~
11 licensee shall complete an ~~make~~ application to the Department
12 ~~on forms provided by the Department,~~ provide evidence of
13 successful completion of all ~~12~~ hours of approved continuing
14 education during the period of time the license had lapsed,
15 and pay all fees and penalties as established by rule.

16 (a-5) An auctioneer whose license has lapsed or expired
17 for more than 2 years but less than 5 years may restore the
18 license without examination by (i) applying to the Department,
19 (ii) providing evidence of the licensee's successful
20 completion of all hours of approved continuing education
21 during the lapsed periods prior to the date of the
22 application, (iii) paying the required fees, and (iv)
23 satisfying any other requirements as established by rule. An
24 auctioneer whose license has been expired for more than 5
25 years shall be required to meet the requirements of a new

1 license.

2 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to
3 the contrary, any auctioneer ~~licensee~~ whose license under this
4 Act has expired is eligible to renew or restore such license
5 without paying any lapsed fees and penalties if the license
6 expired while the auctioneer ~~licensee~~ was:

7 (1) on active duty with the United States Army, United
8 States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Air
9 Force, United States Coast Guard, the State Militia called
10 into service or training;

11 (2) engaged in training or education under the
12 supervision of the United States prior to induction into
13 military service; or

14 (3) serving as an employee of the Department, while
15 the employee was required to surrender the license.

16 An auctioneer ~~A licensee~~ shall also be eligible to renew
17 ~~restore~~ a license under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) without
18 completing the continuing education requirements for ~~that~~
19 ~~licensure period.~~ For a period of 2 years following the
20 termination of the service or education if the termination was
21 by other than dishonorable discharge and the licensee
22 furnishes the Department with an affidavit specifying that the
23 licensee has been so engaged.

24 (c) At any time after the suspension, revocation,
25 placement on probationary status, or other disciplinary action
26 taken under this Act with reference to any license, the

1 Department may restore the license to the licensee without
2 examination upon the order of the Secretary, if the licensee
3 submits a properly completed application, pays the appropriate
4 fees, and otherwise complies with the conditions of the order.

5 (d) An auctioneer who notifies the Department, in a manner
6 prescribed by the Department, may place a license on inactive
7 status for a period not to exceed 2 years and shall be excused
8 from the payment of renewal fees until the auctioneer notifies
9 the Department in writing of the auctioneer's intention to
10 resume active practice.

11 (e) An auctioneer requesting that a license be changed
12 from inactive to active status shall be required to pay the
13 current renewal fee and shall also demonstrate compliance with
14 the continuing education requirements.

15 (f) No licensee with a nonrenewed or inactive license
16 status shall provide auction services as set forth in this
17 Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

19 (225 ILCS 407/10-45)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

21 Sec. 10-45. Nonresident auctioneer reciprocity.

22 (a) An individual ~~A person~~ holding a license to engage in
23 auctions issued to the individual ~~him or her~~ by the proper
24 authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United
25 States of America or the District of Columbia that has

1 licensing requirements equal to or substantially equivalent to
2 the requirements of this State and that otherwise meets the
3 requirements of this Act may obtain a license under this Act
4 without examination if:

5 (1) the Department has entered into a valid reciprocal
6 agreement with the proper authority of the state,
7 territory, or possession of the United States of America
8 or the District of Columbia from which the nonresident
9 applicant has a valid license;

10 (2) the applicant provides the Department with a
11 certificate of good standing from the applicant's state of
12 licensure;

13 (3) the applicant completes and submits an application
14 as provided by the Department; and

15 (4) the applicant pays all applicable fees required
16 under this Act.

17 (b) A nonresident applicant shall file an irrevocable
18 consent with the Department that actions may be commenced
19 against the applicant or nonresident licensee in a court of
20 competent jurisdiction in this State by the service of
21 summons, process, or other pleading authorized by the law upon
22 the Secretary. The consent shall stipulate and agree that
23 service of the process, summons, or pleading upon the
24 Secretary shall be taken and held in all courts to be valid and
25 binding as if actual service had been made upon the applicant
26 in Illinois. If a summons, process, or other pleading is

1 served upon the Secretary, it shall be by duplicate copies,
2 one of which shall be retained by the Department and the other
3 immediately forwarded by certified or registered mail or email
4 to the last known business address or email address of record
5 of the applicant or nonresident licensee against whom the
6 summons, process, or other pleading may be directed.

7 (Source: P.A. 101-345, eff. 8-9-19.)

8 (225 ILCS 407/15-15)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

10 Sec. 15-15. Supervisory duties. The auction firm and
11 managing auctioneer shall have the duty and responsibility to
12 supervise and ~~manage, and control~~ any ~~sponsored~~ licensee,
13 agent, ~~or~~ employee, or representative of the auction firm who
14 conducts auctions ~~while conducting an auction~~ or provides
15 ~~providing an auction services~~ service. Any violation of this
16 Act by a licensee, agent, or employee of an auction firm or
17 managing auctioneer shall be deemed to be a violation by the
18 auction firm or managing auctioneer as well as by the
19 licensee, agent, or employee.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-345, eff. 8-9-19.)

21 (225 ILCS 407/15-25)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

23 Sec. 15-25. Auction firm. No corporation, limited
24 liability company, or partnership shall be licensed as an

1 auction firm without being managed by a licensed auctioneer.
2 The auction firm and managing auctioneer of the ~~any~~ auction
3 firm shall be responsible for the actions of all licensed and
4 unlicensed employees, agents, and representatives of said
5 auction firm while the firm conducts auctions ~~is conducting an~~
6 ~~auction~~ or provides ~~providing an~~ auction services ~~service~~.
7 (Source: P.A. 91-603, eff. 1-1-00.)

8 (225 ILCS 407/20-15)

9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

10 Sec. 20-15. Disciplinary actions; grounds. The Department
11 may refuse to issue or renew a license, may place on probation
12 ~~or administrative supervision~~, suspend, or revoke any license,
13 or may reprimand or take other disciplinary or
14 non-disciplinary action as the Department may deem proper,
15 including the imposition of fines not to exceed \$10,000 for
16 each violation upon any licensee or applicant under this Act
17 or any person or entity who holds oneself out as an applicant
18 or licensee for any of the following reasons:

19 (1) False or fraudulent representation or material
20 misstatement in furnishing information to the Department
21 in obtaining or seeking to obtain a license.

22 (2) Violation of any provision of this Act or the
23 rules adopted under this Act.

24 (3) Conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo
25 contendere, as set forth in subsection (c) of Section

1 10-5, to any crime that is a felony or misdemeanor under
2 the laws of the United States or any state or territory
3 thereof, or entry of an administrative sanction by a
4 governmental ~~government~~ agency in this State or any other
5 jurisdiction.

6 (3.5) Failing to notify the Department, within 30 days
7 after the occurrence, of the information required in
8 subsection (c) of Section 10-5.

9 (4) Being adjudged to be a person under legal
10 disability or subject to involuntary admission or to meet
11 the standard for judicial admission as provided in the
12 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

13 (5) Discipline of a licensee by another state, the
14 District of Columbia, a territory of the United States, a
15 foreign nation, a governmental agency, or any other entity
16 authorized to impose discipline if at least one of the
17 grounds for that discipline is the same as or equivalent
18 to one of the grounds for discipline set forth in this Act
19 or for failing to report to the Department, within 30
20 days, any adverse final action taken against the licensee
21 by any other licensing jurisdiction, governmental
22 ~~government~~ agency, law enforcement agency, or court, or
23 liability for conduct that would constitute grounds for
24 action as set forth in this Act.

25 (6) Engaging in the practice of auctioneering,
26 conducting an auction, or providing an auction service

1 without a license or after the license was expired,
2 revoked, suspended, or terminated or while the license was
3 inoperative.

4 (7) Attempting to subvert or cheat on the auctioneer
5 exam or any continuing education exam, or aiding or
6 abetting another to do the same.

7 (8) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from
8 a person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association a
9 fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation for
10 professional service not actually or personally rendered,
11 except that an auctioneer licensed under this Act may
12 receive a fee from another licensed auctioneer from this
13 State or jurisdiction for the referring of a client or
14 prospect for auction services to the licensed auctioneer.

15 (9) Making any substantial misrepresentation or
16 untruthful advertising.

17 (10) Making any false promises of a character likely
18 to influence, persuade, or induce.

19 (11) Pursuing a continued and flagrant course of
20 misrepresentation or the making of false promises through
21 a licensee, agent, employee, advertising, or otherwise.

22 (12) Any misleading or untruthful advertising, or
23 using any trade name or insignia of membership in any
24 auctioneer association or organization of which the
25 licensee is not a member.

26 (13) Commingling funds of others with the licensee's

1 own funds or failing to keep the funds of others in an
2 escrow or trustee account.

3 (14) Failure to account for, remit, or return any
4 moneys, property, or documents coming into the licensee's
5 possession that belong to others, acquired through the
6 practice of auctioneering, conducting an auction, or
7 providing an auction service within 30 days of the written
8 request from the owner of said moneys, property, or
9 documents.

10 (15) Failure to maintain and deposit into a special
11 account, separate and apart from any personal or other
12 business accounts, all moneys belonging to others
13 entrusted to a licensee while acting as an auctioneer,
14 auction firm, or as a temporary custodian of the funds of
15 others.

16 (16) Failure to make available to Department personnel
17 during normal business hours all escrow and trustee
18 records and related documents maintained in connection
19 with the practice of auctioneering, conducting an auction,
20 or providing an auction service within 24 hours after a
21 request from Department personnel.

22 (17) Making or filing false records or reports in the
23 licensee's practice, including, but not limited to, false
24 records or reports filed with State agencies.

25 (18) Failing to voluntarily furnish copies of all
26 written instruments or executed documents prepared by the

1 auctioneer and signed by all parties to all parties at the
2 time of execution.

3 (19) Failing to provide information within 30 days in
4 response to a written request made by the Department.

5 (20) Engaging in any act that constitutes a violation
6 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

7 (21) (Blank).

8 (22) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
9 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
10 defraud, or harm the public.

11 (23) Offering or advertising real estate for sale or
12 lease at auction without a valid broker or managing
13 broker's license under the Real Estate License Act of
14 1983, or any successor Act, unless exempt from licensure
15 under the terms of the Real Estate License Act of 2000, or
16 any successor Act, except as provided in Section 5-32 of
17 the Real Estate License Act of 2000.

18 (24) Inability to practice the profession with
19 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety as a result of a
20 physical illness, mental illness, or disability.

21 (25) A pattern of practice or other behavior that
22 demonstrates incapacity or incompetence to practice under
23 this Act.

24 (26) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
25 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
26 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and

1 upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the
2 licensee has caused a child to be an abused child or a
3 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected
4 Child Reporting Act.

5 (27) Inability to practice with reasonable judgment,
6 skill, or safety as a result of habitual or excessive use
7 or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any
8 other chemical agent or drug, which may result in
9 significant harm to the public.

10 (28) Willfully failing to report an instance of
11 suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused
12 and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

13 (29) Violating the terms of any order issued by the
14 Department.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24; 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)

16 (225 ILCS 407/20-15.1)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

18 Sec. 20-15.1. Citations.

19 (a) The Department may adopt rules to permit the issuance
20 of citations to any licensee for failure to comply with the
21 continuing education requirements set forth in this Act or as
22 established by rule. The citation shall be issued to the
23 licensee and shall contain the licensee's name and address,
24 the licensee's license number, the number of required hours of
25 continuing education that have not been successfully completed

1 ~~on or before~~ by the licensee's ~~licensee within the~~ renewal
2 deadline period, and the penalty imposed, which shall not
3 exceed \$2,000. The issuance of any such citation shall not
4 excuse the licensee from completing all continuing education
5 required for that term of licensure ~~renewal period~~.

6 (b) Service of a citation shall be made in person,
7 electronically, or by mail to the licensee at the licensee's
8 address of record or email address of record, and must clearly
9 state that if the cited licensee wishes to dispute the
10 citation, they may make a written request, within 30 days
11 after the citation is served, for a hearing before the
12 Department. If the cited licensee does not request a hearing
13 within 30 days after the citation is served, then ~~the citation~~
14 ~~shall become~~ a final, non-disciplinary order shall be entered,
15 and any fine imposed is due and payable within 30 ~~60~~ days after
16 the entry of that final order. If the cited licensee requests a
17 hearing within 30 days after the citation is served, the
18 Department shall afford the cited licensee a hearing conducted
19 in the same manner as a hearing provided for in this Act for
20 any violation of this Act and shall determine whether the
21 cited licensee committed the violation as charged and whether
22 the fine as levied is warranted. If the violation is found, any
23 fine shall constitute non-public discipline and be due and
24 payable within 30 days after the order of the Secretary, which
25 shall constitute a final order of the Department. No change in
26 license status may be made by the Department until a final

1 order of the Department has been issued.

2 (c) Payment of a fine that has been assessed pursuant to
3 this Section shall not constitute disciplinary action
4 reportable on the Department's website or elsewhere unless a
5 licensee has previously received 2 or more citations and been
6 assessed 2 or more fines.

7 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the
8 Department from taking further action pursuant to this Act and
9 rules for additional, repeated, or continuing violations.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-970, eff. 5-27-22.)

11 (225 ILCS 407/20-16)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

13 Sec. 20-16. Illegal discrimination.

14 (a) When there has been an adjudication in a civil or
15 criminal proceeding that a licensee has illegally
16 discriminated while engaged in any activity for which a
17 license is required under this Act, the Department, following
18 the provision of notice to the licensee and a hearing
19 conducted in accordance with Section 20-43 and upon the
20 recommendation of the Board as to the extent of the suspension
21 or revocation, shall suspend or revoke the license of that
22 licensee in a timely manner, unless the adjudication is in the
23 appeal process. The finding or judgment of the civil or
24 criminal proceeding is a matter of record and the merits of the
25 finding or judgment shall not be challenged in a request for a

1 hearing by the licensee.

2 **(b)** When there has been an order in an administrative
3 proceeding finding that a licensee has illegally discriminated
4 while engaged in any activity for which a license is required
5 under this Act, the Department, following the provision of
6 notice to the licensee and a hearing conducted in accordance
7 with Section 20-43 and upon recommendation of the Board as to
8 the nature and extent of the discipline, shall take one or more
9 of the disciplinary actions provided for in this Act ~~Section~~
10 ~~20-15~~ in a timely manner, unless the administrative order is
11 in the appeal process. The finding of the administrative order
12 is a matter of record and the merits of the administrative
13 order shall not be challenged in a request for a hearing by the
14 licensee.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-970, eff. 5-27-22.)

16 (225 ILCS 407/20-20)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

18 Sec. 20-20. Suspension ~~Termination~~ without hearing for
19 failure to pay taxes, ~~or~~ child support, or workers'
20 compensation obligations. The Department may suspend ~~terminate~~
21 or otherwise deny ~~discipline~~ any license issued under this Act
22 without hearing if the following ~~appropriate~~ administering
23 agency provides adequate information and proof that the
24 licensee has:

25 (1) failed to file a return, to pay the tax, penalty,

1 or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final
2 assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by
3 any tax act administered by the Illinois Department of
4 Revenue until the requirements of the tax Act ~~act~~ are
5 satisfied;

6 (2) failed to pay any court ordered child support as
7 determined by a court order or by referral from the
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly
9 Illinois Department of Public Aid); ~~or~~

10 (3) (blank); or -

11 (4) failed to pay or secure workers' compensation
12 obligations as determined by and based solely upon the
13 certification of the Department of Insurance or the
14 Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

15 If a license is suspended ~~terminated~~ or otherwise denied
16 ~~disciplined~~ pursuant to this Section, the licensee may request
17 a hearing conducted pursuant to the Civil Administrative Code
18 of Illinois ~~as provided by this Act within 30 days of notice of~~
19 ~~termination or discipline.~~ The Department may issue a license
20 or lift the suspension of a license if satisfactory repayment
21 or obligation is determined by the respective State agency.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-872, eff. 8-14-18.)

23 (225 ILCS 407/20-30)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

25 Sec. 20-30. Consent orders. Notwithstanding any provisions

1 concerning the conduct of hearings and recommendations for
2 disciplinary actions, the Department has the authority to
3 negotiate agreements with licensees and applicants resulting
4 in disciplinary consent orders. The consent orders may provide
5 for any form of discipline provided for in this Act. The
6 consent orders shall provide that they were not entered into
7 as a result of any coercion by the Department. Any consent
8 order shall be accepted by or rejected by the Secretary or
9 designee in a timely manner.

10 (Source: P.A. 95-572, eff. 6-1-08.)

11 (225 ILCS 407/20-35)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

13 Sec. 20-35. Subpoenas; attendance of witnesses; oaths.

14 (a) The Department shall have the power to issue subpoenas
15 duces tecum ~~ad testificandum~~ (subpoena for documents) and to
16 bring before it any persons and to take testimony, either
17 orally or by deposition or both, with the same fees and mileage
18 and in the same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the
19 courts of this State. The Department shall have the power to
20 issue subpoenas duces tecum and to bring before it any
21 documents, papers, files, books, and records with the same
22 costs and in the same manner as prescribed in civil cases in
23 the courts of this State.

24 (b) Any circuit court may, upon application of the
25 Department or its designee or of the applicant, licensee, or

1 person holding a certificate of licensure against whom
2 proceedings under this Act are pending, enter an order
3 compelling the enforcement of any Department subpoena issued
4 in connection with any hearing or investigation.

5 (c) The Secretary or the Secretary's ~~his or her~~ designee
6 or the Board shall have power to administer oaths to witnesses
7 at any hearing that the Department is authorized to conduct
8 and any other oaths authorized in any Act administered by the
9 Department.

10 (Source: P.A. 95-572, eff. 6-1-08.)

11 (225 ILCS 407/20-40)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

13 Sec. 20-40. Hearings; record of hearings.

14 (a) The Department shall have the authority to conduct
15 hearings on proceedings to revoke, suspend, place on probation
16 ~~or administrative review~~, reprimand, or refuse to issue or
17 renew any license under this Act or to impose a civil penalty
18 not to exceed \$10,000 upon any licensee under this Act.

19 (b) The Department, at its expense, shall preserve a
20 record of all proceedings at the formal hearing of any case.
21 The notice of hearing, complaint, all other documents in the
22 nature of pleadings, written motions filed in the proceedings,
23 the transcripts of testimony, the report of the Board, and
24 orders of the Department shall be in the record of the
25 proceeding. The Department shall furnish a transcript of such

1 record to any person interested in such hearing upon payment
2 of the fee required under Section 2105-115 of the Department
3 of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative
4 Code of Illinois ~~(20 ILCS 2105/2105-115)~~.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-572, eff. 6-1-08; 96-730, eff. 8-25-09.)

6 (225 ILCS 407/20-43)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

8 Sec. 20-43. Investigations; notice and hearing. The
9 Department may investigate the actions or qualifications of
10 any person who is an applicant, unlicensed person, or person
11 rendering or offering to render auction services, or holding
12 or claiming to hold a license as a licensed auctioneer. At
13 least 30 days before any disciplinary hearing under this Act,
14 the Department shall: (i) notify the person charged in writing
15 of the charges made and the time and place of the hearing; (ii)
16 direct the person to file ~~with the Board~~ a written answer under
17 oath to the charges within 20 days of receiving service of the
18 notice; and (iii) inform the person that, if the person fails
19 to file an answer to the charges within 20 days of receiving
20 service of the notice, default may be entered and the license
21 may be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or
22 have other disciplinary action taken with regard to the
23 license as the Department may consider proper, including, but
24 not limited to, limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the
25 licensee's practice, or imposing a fine.

1 At the time and place of the hearing fixed in the notice,
2 the Department ~~Board~~ shall proceed to hear the charges, and
3 the person or person's counsel shall be accorded ample
4 opportunity to present any pertinent statements, testimony,
5 evidence, and arguments in the person's defense. The
6 Department ~~Board~~ may continue the hearing when it deems it
7 appropriate. If the person, after receiving the notice, fails
8 to file an answer, the license may, in the discretion of the
9 Department, be revoked, suspended, placed on probationary
10 status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary
11 actions considered proper, including limiting the scope,
12 nature, or extent of the person's practice or the imposition
13 of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts charged
14 constitute sufficient grounds for that action under the Act.

15 Notice of the hearing may be served by certified mail, or,
16 at the discretion of the Department, by an electronic means to
17 the person's most recent ~~last-known~~ address or email address
18 of record provided to the Department or, if in the course of
19 the administrative proceeding the party has previously
20 designated a specific email address at which to accept
21 electronic service for that specific proceeding, by sending a
22 copy by email to the party's email address on record.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

24 (225 ILCS 407/20-55)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

1 Sec. 20-55. Appointment of a hearing officer. The
2 Secretary has the authority to appoint any attorney licensed
3 to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as the
4 hearing officer in any action for refusal to issue, restore,
5 or renew a license or to discipline a licensee. The hearing
6 officer has full authority to conduct the hearing. Any Board
7 member may attend hearings. The hearing officer shall report
8 his or her findings of fact, conclusions of law, and
9 recommendations to the Board. The Board shall have 90 days
10 after the date of receipt of ~~review~~ the report of the hearing
11 officer to ~~and~~ present its findings of fact, conclusions of
12 law, and recommendations to the Secretary and to all parties
13 to the proceedings.

14 If the Secretary disagrees with the recommendations of the
15 Board or hearing officer, the Secretary may issue an order in
16 contravention of the ~~Board's~~ recommendations.

17 If the Board fails to present its findings of fact,
18 conclusions of law, and recommendations within the 90-day time
19 period, the Department may request in writing a direct appeal
20 to the Secretary and the Secretary may issue an order based
21 upon the report of the hearing officer and the record of the
22 proceedings or issue an order remanding the matter back to the
23 hearing officer for additional proceedings in accordance with
24 the order. If the Board fails to present its findings of fact,
25 conclusions of law, and recommendations within the 90-day time
26 period after receiving an Order of Default, the Department may

1 request in writing a direct appeal to the Secretary.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-572, eff. 6-1-08; 96-730, eff. 8-25-09.)

3 (225 ILCS 407/20-56)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

5 Sec. 20-56. Board; rehearing. At the conclusion of the
6 hearing, a copy of the Board's report shall be served upon the
7 applicant, licensee, or unlicensed person by the Department,
8 either personally or as provided in this Act for the service of
9 a notice of hearing. Within 20 days after service, the person
10 ~~applicant or licensee~~ may present to the Department a motion
11 in writing for a rehearing, which shall specify the particular
12 grounds for rehearing. If no motion for rehearing is filed,
13 then upon the expiration of the time specified for filing such
14 a motion, or if a motion for rehearing is denied, then upon
15 denial, the Secretary may enter an order in accordance with
16 recommendations of the Board. If the applicant or licensee
17 orders from the reporting service and pays for a transcript of
18 the record within the time for filing a motion for rehearing,
19 the 20-day period within which a motion may be filed shall
20 commence upon the delivery of the transcript to the applicant
21 or licensee.

22 (Source: P.A. 101-345, eff. 8-9-19.)

23 (225 ILCS 407/25-110)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

1 Sec. 25-110. Licensing of auction schools.

2 (a) Only an auction school licensed by the Department may
3 provide the continuing education courses required for
4 licensure under this Act.

5 (b) An auction school may also provide the course required
6 to obtain the real estate auction certification in Section
7 5-32 of the Real Estate License Act of 2000. The course shall
8 be approved by the Department upon the recommendation of the
9 Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board pursuant to
10 Section 25-10 of the Real Estate License Act of 2000.

11 (c) A person or entity seeking to be licensed as an auction
12 school under this Act shall provide satisfactory evidence of
13 the following:

14 (1) a sound financial base for establishing,
15 promoting, and delivering the necessary courses;

16 (2) a sufficient number of qualified instructors;

17 (3) adequate support personnel to assist with
18 administrative matters and technical assistance;

19 (4) a qualified school administrator~~7~~ who is
20 responsible for the administration of the school, courses,
21 and the actions of the instructors;

22 (5) proof of good standing with the Secretary of State
23 and authority to conduct business in this State; and

24 (6) any other requirements provided by rule.

25 (d) All applicants for an auction school ~~schools~~ license
26 shall make an initial application to the Department in a

1 manner prescribed by the Department and pay the appropriate
2 fee as provided by rule. In addition to any other information
3 required to be contained in the application as prescribed by
4 rule, every application for an original or renewed license
5 shall include the applicant's Taxpayer Identification Number.
6 The term, expiration date, and renewal of an auction school
7 ~~schools~~ license shall be established by rule.

8 (e) An auction school shall provide each successful course
9 participant with a certificate of completion signed by the
10 school administrator. The format and content of the
11 certificate shall be specified by rule.

12 (f) All auction schools shall provide ~~to~~ the Department a
13 roster of all successful course participants as provided by
14 rule.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24; revised 6-24-25.)

16 (225 ILCS 407/30-7)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

18 Sec. 30-7. Department; powers and duties.

19 (a) The Department shall exercise the powers and duties
20 prescribed by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois for
21 the administration of licensing acts and shall exercise such
22 other powers and duties as are prescribed by this Act. The
23 Department may contract with third parties for services
24 necessary for the proper administration of this Act.

25 (b) The Department shall have the authority to audit or

1 inspect any electronic or physical record, account, document,
2 book, form, or file required to be created or maintained by
3 this Act. The Department may adopt rules and establish
4 necessary requirements for the implementation of this
5 subsection (b).

6 (Source: P.A. 96-730, eff. 8-25-09.)

7 (225 ILCS 407/20-85 rep.)

8 Section 15. The Auction License Act is amended by
9 repealing Section 20-85.

10 Section 20. The Registered Interior Designers Act is
11 amended by changing Sections 3, 4, 4.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
12 14, 15, 18, 19, 27, and 30 as follows:

13 (225 ILCS 310/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 8203)

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

15 Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this Act:

16 "Accredited institution" means an institution accredited
17 by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, an
18 accreditation body recognized by the United States Department
19 of Education, or a curriculum or transcript approved by the
20 Board per a registration applicant's application.

21 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
22 by the Department in the applicant's application file or the
23 registrant's registration file as maintained by the

1 Department's licensure maintenance unit.

2 "Board" means the Board of Registered Interior Design
3 Professionals established under Section 6 of this Act.

4 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
5 Professional Regulation.

6 "Email address of record" means the designated email
7 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
8 application file or the registrant's registration file as
9 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

10 "Interior technical submissions" means the designs,
11 drawings, and specifications that establish the scope of the
12 interior design to be constructed, the standard of quality for
13 materials, workmanship, equipment, and construction systems,
14 and the studies and other technical reports and calculations
15 prepared in the course of the practice of registered interior
16 design.

17 "Practice of registered interior design" means the design
18 of interior spaces as a part of an interior alteration or
19 interior construction project in conformity with public
20 health, safety, and welfare requirements, including the
21 preparation of documents relating to building code
22 descriptions, project egress plans that require no increase in
23 capacity of exits in the space affected, space planning,
24 finish materials, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and the
25 preparation of documents and interior technical submissions
26 relating to interior construction. "Practice of registered

1 interior design" does not include:

2 (1) The practice of structural engineering as defined
3 in the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989, the
4 practice of professional engineering as defined in the
5 Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or the
6 practice of land surveying as defined in the Illinois
7 Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989.

8 (2) Services that constitute the practice of
9 architecture as defined in the Illinois Architecture
10 Practice Act of 1989, except as provided in this Act.

11 (3) Altering or affecting the structural system of a
12 building, including changing the building's live or dead
13 load on the structural system.

14 (4) Changes to the building envelope, including
15 exterior walls, exterior wall coverings, exterior wall
16 openings, exterior windows and doors, architectural trim,
17 balconies and similar projections, bay and oriel windows,
18 roof assemblies and rooftop structures, and glass and
19 glazing for exterior use in both vertical and sloped
20 applications in buildings and structures.

21 (5) Altering or affecting the mechanical, plumbing,
22 heating, air conditioning, ventilation, electrical,
23 vertical transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire alarm
24 systems.

25 (6) Changes beyond the exit access component of a
26 means of egress system.

1 (7) Construction that materially affects life safety
2 systems pertaining to fire safety or the fire protection
3 of structural elements, or alterations to smoke evacuation
4 and compartmentalization systems or to fire-rated vertical
5 shafts in multistory structures.

6 (8) Changes of use to an occupancy of greater hazard
7 as determined by the International Building Code.

8 (9) Changes to the construction classification of the
9 building or structure according to the International
10 Building Code.

11 "Public member" means a person who is not a registered
12 interior designer, educator in the field, architect,
13 structural engineer, ~~or professional engineer. For purposes of~~
14 ~~board membership, any, or a person who does not have any with a~~
15 ~~significant~~ financial interest in ~~the~~ design or construction
16 services service or the design or construction professions
17 ~~profession is not a public member.~~

18 "Registered interior designer" means a person who has
19 received registration under Section 8 of this Act. A person
20 represents oneself ~~himself or herself~~ to be a "registered
21 interior designer" within the meaning of this Act by holding
22 oneself ~~if he or she holds himself or herself~~ out to the public
23 by any title incorporating the words "registered interior
24 designer" or any title that includes the words "registered
25 interior design".

26 "Responsible control" means the amount of control over

1 detailed professional knowledge of the content of interior
2 technical submissions during the preparation as is ordinarily
3 exercised by registered interior designers applying the
4 required professional standard of care. Merely reviewing or
5 reviewing and correcting an interior technical submission or
6 any portion thereof prepared by those not in the regular
7 employment of the office where the registered interior
8 designer is a resident without control over the content of
9 such work throughout its preparation does not constitute
10 responsible control.

11 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
12 Professional Regulation.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-1066, eff. 1-1-23;
14 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

15 (225 ILCS 310/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 8204)

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

17 Sec. 4. Title; application of Act.

18 (a) No individual shall, without a valid registration as a
19 registered interior designer issued by the Department, in any
20 manner hold oneself ~~himself or herself~~ out to the public as a
21 registered interior designer or attach the title "registered
22 interior designer" or any other name or designation which
23 would in any way imply that the person ~~he or she~~ is able to use
24 the title "registered interior designer" as defined in this
25 Act.

1 (a-5) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
2 or restricting the services offered or advertised by an
3 interior designer who is registered under this Act.

4 (b) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the employment, by a
5 registered interior designer association, partnership, or a
6 corporation furnishing interior design services for
7 remuneration, of persons not registered as interior designers
8 to perform services in various capacities as needed, provided
9 that the persons do not represent themselves as, or use the
10 title of, "registered interior designer".

11 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
12 activities and use of the title "interior designer" on the
13 part of a person not registered under this Act who is a
14 graduate of an interior design program and a full-time
15 employee of a duly chartered institution of higher education
16 insofar as such person engages in public speaking, with or
17 without remuneration, provided that such person does not
18 represent oneself ~~himself or herself~~ to be a registered
19 interior designer or use the title "registered interior
20 designer".

21 (d) Nothing contained in this Act shall restrict any
22 person not registered under this Act from carrying out any of
23 the activities listed in the definition of "practice of
24 registered interior design" ~~"the profession of interior~~
25 ~~design"~~ in Section 3 if such person does not represent oneself
26 ~~himself or herself~~ or the person's ~~his or her~~ services in any

1 manner prohibited by this Act.

2 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
3 or restricting the practice, services, or activities of any
4 person licensed in this State under any other law from
5 engaging in the profession or occupation for which that person
6 ~~he or she~~ is licensed.

7 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
8 or restricting the practice, services, or activities of
9 engineers licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice
10 Act of 1989 or the Structural Engineering Practice Act of
11 1989; architects licensed pursuant to the Illinois
12 Architectural Practice Act of 1989; any interior decorator or
13 individual offering interior decorating services including,
14 but not limited to, the selection of surface materials, window
15 treatments, wall coverings, furniture, accessories, paint,
16 floor coverings, and lighting fixtures; or builders, home
17 furnishings salespersons, and similar purveyors of related
18 goods and services ~~relating to homemaking~~.

19 (g) Nothing in this Act or any other Act shall prevent a
20 licensed architect from practicing interior design services.
21 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the
22 services of a registered interior designer for the interior
23 designing of a single family residence.

24 (h) Nothing in this Act shall authorize registered
25 interior designers to perform services, including life safety
26 services that they are prohibited from performing, or any

1 practice: (i) that is restricted in the Professional
2 Engineering Practice Act of 1989, the Professional Land
3 Surveyor Act of 1989, or ~~of~~ the Structural Engineering
4 Practice Act of 1989; (ii) that is restricted in the Illinois
5 Architecture Practice Act of 1989, except as provided in this
6 Act; or (iii) that they are not authorized to perform under the
7 Environmental Barriers Act, except as provided in this Act.

8 (i) Nothing in this Act shall authorize registered
9 interior designers to advertise services that they are
10 prohibited to perform, including architecture or engineering
11 services, nor to use the title "architect" in any form.

12 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
13 or restricting persons from engaging in professional services
14 limited to the design of kitchen and bath spaces or the
15 specification of products for kitchen and bath areas in
16 noncommercial settings.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-1066, eff. 1-1-23.)

18 (225 ILCS 310/4.5)

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

20 Sec. 4.5. Unregistered practice; violation; civil penalty.

21 (a) Any person who holds oneself ~~himself or herself~~ out to
22 be a registered interior designer without being registered
23 under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty
24 provided by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an
25 amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each offense as determined by

1 the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the
2 Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the
3 provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a
4 hearing for the discipline of a registrant.

5 (b) The Department has the authority and power to
6 investigate any illegal use of the title of registered
7 interior designer.

8 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after
9 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty.
10 The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and
11 execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from
12 any court of record.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

14 (225 ILCS 310/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 8206)

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

16 Sec. 6. Board of Registered Interior Design Professionals.
17 The Secretary shall appoint a Board of Registered Interior
18 Design Professionals consisting of 5 members who shall serve
19 in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. All members of the
20 Board shall be residents of Illinois. Four members shall (i)
21 hold a valid registration as an interior designer in Illinois
22 and have held the registration under this Act for the
23 preceding 10 years; and (ii) not have been disciplined within
24 the preceding 10 years under this Act. In addition to the 4
25 registered interior designer members, there shall be one

1 public member. The public member shall be a voting member and
2 shall not be licensed or registered under this Act or any other
3 design profession licensing Act that the Department
4 administers.

5 Board members shall serve 5-year terms and until their
6 successors are appointed and qualified. In appointing members
7 to the Board, the Secretary shall give due consideration to
8 recommendations by members and organizations of the interior
9 design profession.

10 The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect
11 representation from the geographic areas in this State.

12 No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term that
13 would cause his or her continuous service on the Board to be
14 longer than 2 consecutive 5-year terms.

15 Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same
16 manner as original appointments for the unexpired portion of
17 the vacated term.

18 Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A
19 quorum is required for Board decisions.

20 The Secretary may remove any member of the Board for cause
21 at any time. The Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of cause.
22 ~~misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty or for reasons~~
23 ~~prescribed by law for removal of State officials.~~

24 The Secretary may remove a member of the Board who does not
25 attend 2 consecutive meetings.

26 ~~Notice of proposed rulemaking may be transmitted to the~~

1 ~~Board and the Department may review the response of the Board~~
2 ~~and any recommendations made therein. The Department may, at~~
3 ~~any time, seek the expert advice and knowledge of the Board on~~
4 ~~any matter relating to the administration or enforcement of~~
5 ~~this Act.~~

6 Members of the Board are not liable for damages in any
7 action or proceeding as a result of activities performed as
8 members of the Board, except upon proof of actual malice.

9 Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all
10 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

12 (225 ILCS 310/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 8207)

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

14 Sec. 7. Board recommendations. The Secretary may ~~shall~~
15 consider the recommendations of the Board in establishing
16 guidelines for professional conduct, for the conduct of formal
17 disciplinary proceedings brought under this Act, and for
18 establishing guidelines for qualifications of applicants.
19 Notice of proposed rulemaking may be transmitted to the Board
20 and the Department shall review the response of the Board and
21 any recommendations made in their response. The Department, at
22 any time, may seek the expert advice and knowledge of the Board
23 on any matter relating to the administration or enforcement of
24 this Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

1 (225 ILCS 310/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 8208)

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

3 Sec. 8. Application requirements for registration.

4 (a) Each applicant for registration shall apply to the
5 Department in writing on a form or electronically as provided
6 by the Department. The Department may require an applicant, at
7 the applicant's expense, to have an evaluation of the
8 applicant's education in a foreign country by a nationally
9 recognized evaluation service approved by the Department in
10 accordance with the rules adopted by the Department. Except as
11 otherwise provided in this Act, each applicant shall take and
12 pass the examination approved by the Department. Prior to
13 registration, the applicant shall provide substantial evidence
14 to the Board that the applicant has completed the education
15 and work experience requirements to sit for the NCIDQ
16 examination administered by the Council for Interior Design
17 Qualification, has successfully passed the NCIDQ examination
18 ~~exam~~, has maintained an active NCIDQ certification, and:

19 (1) is a graduate of a 5-year interior design or
20 architecture program from an accredited institution and
21 has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified
22 interior design experience;

23 (2) is a graduate of a 4-year interior design or
24 architecture program from an accredited institution and
25 has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified

1 interior design experience;

2 (3) has completed at least 3 years of interior design
3 or architecture curriculum from an accredited institution
4 and has completed 3 years of full-time diversified
5 interior design experience; or

6 (4) is a graduate of a 2-year interior design or
7 architecture program from an accredited institution and
8 has completed 4 years of full-time diversified interior
9 design experience.

10 (b) (Blank). ~~In addition to providing evidence of meeting~~
11 ~~the requirements of subsection (a), each applicant for~~
12 ~~registration as a registered interior designer shall provide~~
13 ~~substantial evidence that the applicant has successfully~~
14 ~~completed the examination administered by the Council for~~
15 ~~Interior Design Qualification.~~

16 (b-5) Each applicant for registration shall pay to the
17 Department the required registration fee, which is not
18 refundable, at the time of filing the application.

19 (b-10) Each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of
20 registration under this Act shall have completed continuing
21 education as set forth by the Department by rule. The
22 Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in
23 establishing requirements for continuing education
24 requirements but shall be no less than 10 hours of continuing
25 education in the areas of health, safety, and welfare every 2
26 years.

1 (c) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application
2 to complete the application process. If the process has not
3 been completed in 3 years, the application shall expire, the
4 fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
5 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

6 ~~An individual may apply for original registration prior to~~
7 ~~passing the examination. The individual shall have 3 years~~
8 ~~after the date of filing an application to pass the~~
9 ~~examination. If evidence and documentation of passing the~~
10 ~~examination are received by the Department later than 3 years~~
11 ~~after the individual's filing, the application shall be denied~~
12 ~~and the fee forfeited. The applicant may reapply at any time,~~
13 ~~but shall meet the requirements in effect at the time of~~
14 ~~reapplication.~~

15 (d) Upon payment of the required fee, which shall be
16 determined by rule, an applicant who is an architect licensed
17 under the laws of this State may, without examination, be
18 granted registration as a registered interior designer by the
19 Department provided the applicant submits proof of an active
20 architectural license in Illinois.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-1066, eff. 1-1-23; 103-1044, eff. 1-1-25.)

22 (225 ILCS 310/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 8209)

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

24 Sec. 9. Expiration; renewal; restoration.

25 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each

1 certificate of registration issued under this Act shall be set
2 by rule. A registrant may renew such registration during the
3 month preceding its expiration date by paying the required
4 renewal fee.

5 (b) Inactive status.

6 (1) Any registrant who notifies the Department in
7 writing on forms prescribed by the Department may elect to
8 place that person's ~~his or her~~ certificate of registration
9 on an inactive status and shall, subject to rules of the
10 Department, be excused from payment of renewal fees until
11 that person ~~he or she~~ notifies the Department in writing
12 of that person's ~~his or her~~ desire to resume active
13 status.

14 (2) Any registrant requesting restoration from
15 inactive status shall be required to pay the current
16 renewal fee and shall be required to restore the ~~his or her~~
17 registration.

18 (3) Any registrant whose registration is on inactive
19 status shall not use the title "registered interior
20 designer" in the State of Illinois.

21 (4) Any registrant who uses the title "registered
22 interior designer" while the registrant's ~~his or her~~
23 certificate of registration is lapsed or inactive shall be
24 considered to be using the title without a registration
25 which shall be grounds for discipline under Section 13 of
26 this Act.

1 (c) Any registrant whose registration has expired may have
2 the registrant's ~~his or her~~ certificate of registration
3 restored at any time within 5 years after its expiration, upon
4 making application to the Department and payment of the
5 required fee.

6 (d) Any registrant ~~person~~ whose registration has been
7 expired for more than 5 years may have the registrant's ~~his or~~
8 ~~her~~ registration restored by making application to the
9 Department and submitting ~~filing~~ proof acceptable to the
10 Department of the registrant's ~~his or her~~ fitness to have the
11 registrant's ~~his or her~~ registration restored, including, but
12 not limited to, sworn evidence certifying to active practice
13 in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department and
14 proof of completion of applicable continuing education,
15 ~~including sworn evidence certifying to active lawful practice~~
16 ~~in another jurisdiction,~~ and by paying the required
17 restoration fee. A person using the title "registered interior
18 designer" on an expired registration is deemed to be in
19 violation of this Act.

20 (e) If a person whose certificate of registration has
21 expired has not maintained active status in another
22 jurisdiction, the Department shall determine, by an evaluation
23 process established by rule, that person's ~~his or her~~ fitness
24 to resume active status, including by requiring ~~and may~~
25 ~~require~~ the person to complete a period of evaluated practical
26 experience, and also requiring ~~may require~~ successful

1 completion of an examination.

2 (f) Any person whose certificate of registration has
3 expired while that person ~~he or she~~ has been engaged (1) in
4 federal or State service active duty, or (2) in training or
5 education under the supervision of the United States
6 preliminary to induction into the military service, may have
7 that person's ~~his or her~~ registration restored without paying
8 any lapsed renewal or restoration fee if, within 2 years after
9 termination of such service, training or education, that
10 person ~~he or she~~ furnishes the Department with satisfactory
11 proof that the person ~~he or she~~ has been so engaged and that
12 the person's ~~his or her~~ service, training, or education has
13 been so terminated.

14 (g) An individual applying for restoration of a
15 registration shall have 3 years from the date of application
16 to complete the application process. If the process has not
17 been completed in 3 years, the application shall expire ~~be~~
18 ~~denied~~ and the fee forfeited. The applicant may reapply at any
19 time.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-920, eff. 8-17-18.)

21 (225 ILCS 310/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 8210)

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

23 Sec. 10. Endorsement.

24 (a) Upon payment of the required fee and the filing of an
25 application in writing on a form or electronically as provided

1 by the Department, an applicant who is an interior designer
2 currently registered, certified, or licensed under the laws of
3 another state or territory of the United States or a foreign
4 country or province shall, without further examination, be
5 granted registration as an interior designer by the Department
6 whenever the requirements of such state or territory of the
7 United States or a foreign country or province were, at the
8 date of registration, certification, or licensure,
9 substantially equal to or greater than the requirements then
10 in force in this State. The Department may adopt rules
11 governing recognition of education and legal practice of the
12 profession in another jurisdiction, requiring additional
13 education, and determining when an examination may be
14 required.

15 (b) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or
16 relevance or sufficiency of the coursework or experience is
17 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of
18 information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given,
19 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking
20 registration may be required to provide additional
21 information.

22 (c) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application
23 to complete the application process. If the process has not
24 been completed within the 3 years, then the application shall
25 expire ~~be denied~~, the fee shall be forfeited, and the
26 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at

1 the time of reapplication.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-1044, eff. 1-1-25.)

3 (225 ILCS 310/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 8211)

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

5 Sec. 11. Fees. The Department shall provide by rule for a
6 schedule of fees for the administration and enforcement of
7 this Act, including but not limited to original registration,
8 renewal, and restoration. The fees shall be nonrefundable.

9 ~~All fees collected under this Act shall be deposited into~~
10 ~~the General Professions Dedicated Fund and shall be~~
11 ~~appropriated to the Department for the ordinary and contingent~~
12 ~~expenses of the Department in the administration of this Act.~~

13 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

14 (225 ILCS 310/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 8212)

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

16 Sec. 12. Returned checks; penalties. Any person who
17 delivers a check or other payment to the Department that is
18 returned to the Department unpaid by the financial institution
19 upon which it is drawn shall pay to the Department, in addition
20 to the amount already owed to the Department, a fine of \$50.
21 The fines imposed by this Section are in addition to any other
22 discipline provided under this Act for prohibited use of a
23 title without a registration or on a nonrenewed registration.
24 The Department shall notify the person that payment of fees

1 and fines shall be paid to the Department by certified check or
2 money order within 30 calendar days of the notification. If,
3 after the expiration of 30 days from the date of the
4 notification, the person has failed to submit the necessary
5 remittance, the Department shall automatically terminate the
6 registration or deny the application, without hearing. If,
7 after termination or denial, the person seeks registration,
8 the person ~~he or she~~ shall apply to the Department for
9 restoration or issuance of the registration and pay all fees
10 and fines due to the Department. The Department may establish
11 a fee for the processing of an application for restoration of a
12 certificate of registration to pay all expenses of processing
13 this application. The Director may waive the fines due under
14 this Section in individual cases where the Director finds that
15 the fines would be unreasonable or unnecessarily burdensome.
16 (Source: P.A. 92-146, eff. 1-1-02.)

17 (225 ILCS 310/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 8214)

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

19 Sec. 14. Investigations; Notice of hearing. Upon the
20 motion of either the Department or the Board, or upon the
21 verified complaint in writing of any person setting forth
22 facts which, if proven, would constitute grounds for refusal,
23 suspension, or revocation of registration under this Act, the
24 Board shall investigate the actions of any person, hereinafter
25 called the "registrant", who holds or represents that the

1 person ~~he~~ holds a certificate of registration. All such
2 motions or complaints shall be brought to the Board.

3 The Director shall, before suspending, revoking, placing
4 on probationary status, or taking any other disciplinary
5 action as the Director may deem proper with regard to any
6 registration, at least 30 days prior to the date set for the
7 hearing, notify the registrant in writing of any charges made
8 and the time and place for a hearing on the charges before the
9 Board. The Board shall also direct the registrant to file a ~~his~~
10 written answer to the charges with the Board under oath within
11 20 days after the service on the registrant ~~him~~ of such notice,
12 and inform the registrant ~~him~~ that if the registrant ~~he~~ fails
13 to file such answer, the registrant's ~~his~~ certificate of
14 registration may be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary
15 status or other disciplinary action may be taken with regard
16 thereto, as the Director may deem proper.

17 The written notice and any notice in such proceeding may
18 be served by delivery personally to the registrant, by email,
19 or by ~~registered or certified~~ mail to the address specified by
20 the registrant in the registrant's ~~his~~ last notification to
21 the Director.

22 The Department, at its expense, shall preserve a record of
23 all proceedings at the formal hearing of any case involving
24 the refusal to issue or renew a registration, or discipline of
25 a registrant. The notice of hearing, complaint, and all other
26 documents in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed

1 in the proceedings, the transcript of testimony, the report of
2 the Board, and the orders of the Department shall be the record
3 of such proceedings.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 (225 ILCS 310/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 8215)

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

7 Sec. 15. Disciplinary actions.

8 (a) In case the registrant, after receiving notice, fails
9 to file an answer, the registrant's ~~his~~ registration may, in
10 the discretion of the Director, having first received the
11 recommendation of the Board, be suspended, revoked, placed on
12 probationary status, or the Director may take whatever
13 disciplinary action the Director ~~he~~ may deem proper, including
14 the imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts
15 charged constitute sufficient grounds for such action under
16 this Act.

17 (b) The Director may temporarily suspend the registration
18 of a registrant without a hearing, simultaneous to the
19 institution of proceedings for a hearing under this Act, if
20 the Director finds that evidence in the Director's ~~his~~
21 possession indicates that the person's continuation of use of
22 the title would constitute an immediate danger to the public.
23 In the event that the Director temporarily suspends the
24 registration of a registrant without a hearing, a hearing by
25 the Board must be held within 15 days after such suspension has

1 occurred and concluded without appreciable delay.

2 (Source: P.A. 88-650, eff. 9-16-94.)

3 (225 ILCS 310/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 8218)

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

5 Sec. 18. Recommendations for disciplinary action; Action
6 by Director. The Board may advise the Director that probation
7 be granted or that other disciplinary action, including the
8 limitation of the use of the title, be taken, as it deems
9 proper. If disciplinary action other than suspension or
10 revocation is taken, the Board may advise the Director to
11 impose reasonable limitations and requirements upon the
12 registrant to ensure ~~insure~~ compliance with the terms of the
13 probation or other disciplinary action, including, but not
14 limited to, regular reporting by the registrant to the
15 Director of the registrant's ~~his~~ actions, or the registrant
16 placing oneself ~~himself~~ under the care of a qualified
17 physician for treatment, or limiting the registrant's ~~his~~ use
18 of the title in such manner as the Director may require.

19 The Board shall present to the Director a written report
20 of its findings and recommendations. A copy of the report
21 shall be served upon the registrant, by email, ~~either~~
22 personally, or by ~~registered or certified~~ mail. Within 20 days
23 after such service, the registrant may present to the
24 Department the registrant's ~~his~~ motion in writing for a
25 rehearing, specifying the particular grounds for rehearing. If

1 the registrant orders and pays for a transcript of the record,
2 the time elapsing until the transcript is ready for delivery
3 to the registrant ~~him~~ shall not be counted as part of such 20
4 days.

5 At the expiration of the time allowed for filing a motion
6 for rehearing, the Director may take the action recommended by
7 the Board. Upon suspension, revocation, placement on
8 probationary status, or the taking of any other disciplinary
9 action, including the limiting of the use of the title, deemed
10 proper by the Director with regard to the registration, the
11 registrant shall surrender the ~~his~~ certificate of registration
12 to the Department if ordered to do so by the Department. Upon
13 the registrant's ~~his~~ failure or refusal to do so, the
14 Department may seize the certificate of registration.

15 In all instances in which the Board has rendered a
16 recommendation to the Director with respect to a particular
17 person, the Director shall, to the extent that the Director ~~he~~
18 disagrees with or takes action contrary to the recommendation
19 of the Board, file with the Board his specific written reasons
20 of disagreement. Such reasons shall be filed within 30 days
21 after the Director has taken the contrary position.

22 Each order of revocation, suspension, or other
23 disciplinary action shall contain a brief and concise
24 statement of the ground or grounds upon which the Department's
25 action is based, as well as the specific terms and conditions
26 of such action.

1 Whenever the Director is satisfied that substantial
2 justice has not been done either in an examination or in the
3 revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue a certificate of
4 registration, or other disciplinary action, the Director may
5 order a re-examination or rehearing.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-1404.)

7 (225 ILCS 310/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 8219)

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

9 Sec. 19. Hearing officer. The Director has the authority
10 to appoint any attorney duly licensed to practice law in the
11 State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer for any
12 disciplinary action under this Act. The hearing officer shall
13 have full authority to conduct the hearing. The hearing
14 officer shall report the hearing officer's ~~his~~ findings and
15 recommendations to the Board and the Director. The Board shall
16 have 60 days from receipt of the report to review the report of
17 the hearing officer and present its findings of fact,
18 conclusions of law, and recommendations to the Director. If
19 the Board fails to present its report within the 60-day ~~60-day~~
20 period, the Director may issue an order based on the report of
21 the hearing officer. If the Director disagrees in any regard
22 with the Board's report, the Director ~~he~~ may issue an order in
23 contravention of the Board's report.

24 (Source: P.A. 86-1404.)

1 (225 ILCS 310/27) (from Ch. 111, par. 8227)

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

3 Sec. 27. Filing registration or diploma of another. Any
4 person filing, or attempting to file, as the person's ~~his~~ own
5 the diploma or registration of another, or a forged affidavit
6 of identification or qualification, is guilty of a Class 3
7 felony, and upon conviction is subject to such fine and
8 imprisonment as is made and provided by the statutes of this
9 State for the crime of forgery.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-1404.)

11 (225 ILCS 310/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 8230)

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

13 Sec. 30. Fund; appropriations; investments; audits. All of
14 the fees collected pursuant to this Act shall be deposited
15 into the Design Professionals Administration and Investigation
16 ~~General Professions Dedicated~~ Fund.

17 The moneys deposited into ~~in~~ the Design Professionals
18 Administration and Investigation ~~General Professions Dedicated~~
19 Fund may be used for the expenses of the Department in the
20 administration of this Act.

21 ~~Moneys from the Fund may also be used for direct and~~
22 ~~allocable indirect costs related to the public purposes of the~~
23 ~~Department of Professional Regulation. Moneys in the Fund may~~
24 ~~be transferred to the Professions Indirect Cost Fund as~~
25 ~~authorized by Section 2105 300 of the Department of~~

1 ~~Professional Regulation Law.~~

2 Upon the completion of any audit of the Department as
3 prescribed by the Illinois State Auditing Act that includes an
4 audit of the Design Professionals Administration and
5 Investigation ~~General Professions Dedicated~~ Fund, the
6 Department shall make the audit open to inspection by any
7 interested person. The copy of the audit report required to be
8 submitted to the Department by this Section is in addition to
9 copies of audit reports required to be submitted to other
10 State officers and agencies by Section 3-14 of the Illinois
11 State Auditing Act.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

13 Section 25. The Landscape Architecture Registration Act is
14 amended by changing Sections 10, 20, 23, 25, 30, 33, 34, 48,
15 50, 55, 60, 70, 80, 85, 95, and 110 as follows:

16 (225 ILCS 316/10)

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

18 Sec. 10. Definitions. For purposes of ~~As used in~~ this Act,
19 the following definitions shall have the following meanings,
20 except where the context requires otherwise:

21 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
22 by the Department in the applicant's application file or
23 registrant's registration file as maintained by the
24 Department.

1 "Board" means the Registered Landscape Architecture
2 Registration Board.

3 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
4 Professional Regulation.

5 "Email address of record" means the designated email
6 address of record by the Department in the applicant's
7 application file or registrant's registration file as
8 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit
9 ~~Department~~.

10 "Landscape architecture" means the art and science of
11 arranging land, together with the spaces and objects upon it,
12 for the purpose of creating a safe, efficient, healthful, and
13 aesthetically pleasing physical environment for human use and
14 enjoyment, as performed by landscape architects.

15 "Landscape architectural practice" or "practice of
16 landscape architecture" means the offering or furnishing of
17 professional services in connection with a landscape
18 architecture project that do not require the seal of an
19 architect, land surveyor, professional engineer, or structural
20 engineer. These services may include, but are not limited to,
21 providing preliminary studies; developing design concepts;
22 planning for the relationships of physical improvements and
23 intended uses of the site, including the preparation and
24 filing of sketches, drawings, plans, and specifications;
25 establishing form and aesthetic elements; developing those
26 technical details on the site that are exclusive of any

1 building or structure; preparing and administering
2 ~~coordinating~~ technical submissions; and conducting site
3 observation of a landscape architecture project.

4 "Registered landscape architect" means a person who, based
5 on education, experience, and examination in the field of
6 landscape architecture, is registered under this Act.

7 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
8 Professional Regulation. The Secretary may designate the
9 Secretary's ~~his or her~~ duties under this Act to a designee of
10 the Secretary's ~~his or her~~ choice, including, but not limited
11 to, the Director of Professional Regulation.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21; 103-309, eff. 1-1-24.)

13 (225 ILCS 316/20)

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

15 Sec. 20. Seal.

16 (a) Every registered landscape architect shall have a
17 reproducible seal, which may be computer generated, the
18 impression of which shall contain the name of the registered
19 landscape architect, the registered landscape architect's
20 registration number, and the words "Registered Landscape
21 Architect, State of Illinois". The registered landscape
22 architect shall be responsible for the registered landscape
23 architect's ~~his or her~~ seal and signature as defined by rule.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Section, an
25 architect, land surveyor, professional engineer, or structural

1 engineer licensed by the Department shall be permitted to
2 affix the architect's, land surveyor's, professional
3 engineer's, or structural engineer's ~~his or her~~ seal to any
4 plans, specifications, and reports prepared by or under his or
5 her supervision in connection with the incidental practice of
6 landscape architecture.

7 (c) For all plans, specifications, or other technical
8 submissions prepared or issued by the registered landscape
9 architect and filed for public record, the registered
10 landscape architect shall affix the registered landscape
11 architect's signature, current date, date of registration
12 expiration, and a form of seal as prescribed by rule.

13 (d) The registered landscape architect's signature, date,
14 and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which
15 the signature, date, and seal are affixed. Any and all
16 technical submissions may be transmitted electronically and
17 may be signed by the registered landscape architect, dated,
18 and sealed electronically with said seal.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

20 (225 ILCS 316/23)

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

22 Sec. 23. Technical submissions.

23 (a) As used in this Act ~~Section~~, "technical submissions"
24 includes the designs, drawings, plans, ~~and~~ specifications, and
25 reports that establish the scope of a landscape architecture

1 project; the standard of quality for materials, workmanship,
2 equipment, and systems; and the studies and other technical
3 reports and calculations prepared in the course of the
4 practice of landscape architecture.

5 (b) A registered landscape architect shall not exercise
6 authority in preparing technical submissions that require the
7 involvement of an architect, professional engineer, structural
8 engineer, or professional land surveyor licensed in Illinois.

9 (c) The registered landscape architect who has contract
10 responsibility shall seal a cover sheet of the technical
11 submissions and those individual portions of the technical
12 submissions for which the registered landscape architect is
13 legally and professionally responsible.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

15 (225 ILCS 316/25)

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

17 Sec. 25. Display of registration. Every holder of a
18 registered landscape architect registration shall display the
19 holder's ~~his or her~~ certificate of registration in a
20 conspicuous place in the holder's ~~his or her~~ principal office,
21 place of business, or place of employment.

22 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

23 (225 ILCS 316/30)

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

1 Sec. 30. Address of record; email address of record. All
2 applicants and registrants shall:

3 (1) provide a valid address and email address to the
4 Department, which shall serve as the address of record and
5 email address of record, respectively, at the time of
6 application for registration or renewal of registration;
7 and

8 (2) inform the Department of any change of address of
9 record or email address of record within 14 days after the
10 ~~such~~ change, either through the Department's website or by
11 contacting the Department's licensure maintenance unit
12 ~~Department.~~

13 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

14 (225 ILCS 316/33)

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

16 Sec. 33. Registered Landscape Architecture Registration
17 Board.

18 (a) The Secretary shall appoint a Registered Landscape
19 Architecture Registration Board. The Board shall consist of 5
20 persons who shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
21 Secretary. All members of the Board shall be residents of
22 Illinois. Four members shall be registered under this Act and
23 have not been disciplined within the last 10-year period under
24 this Act or the Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989.
25 In addition to the 4 registered landscape architects, there

1 shall be one public member. The public member shall be a voting
2 member and shall not be registered under this Act or licensed
3 under any other design profession licensing Act that the
4 Department administers.

5 (b) Board members shall serve 5-year terms and until their
6 successors are appointed and qualified.

7 (c) In appointing members to the Board, the Secretary
8 shall give due consideration to recommendations by members and
9 organizations of the landscape architecture profession.

10 (d) The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect
11 representation from the geographic areas in this State.

12 (e) No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term
13 that would cause the member's ~~his or her~~ continuous service on
14 the Board to be longer than 2 consecutive 5-year terms.

15 (f) An appointment to fill a vacancy for the unexpired
16 portion of the vacated term shall be made in the same manner as
17 an initial appointment.

18 (g) Three members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is
19 required for Board decisions.

20 (h) The Secretary may terminate or refuse the appointment
21 of any member of the Board for cause that, in the opinion of
22 the Secretary, reasonably justified such termination, which
23 may include, but is not limited to, a Board member who does not
24 attend 2 consecutive meetings.

25 (i) Members of the Board may be reimbursed for all
26 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses.

1 (j) (Blank). ~~The Department may at any time seek the~~
2 ~~expert advice and knowledge of the Board on any matter~~
3 ~~relating to the enforcement of this Act.~~

4 (k) Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in any
5 action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other acts
6 performed in good faith as members of the Board, unless the
7 conduct that gave rise to the suit was willful and wanton
8 misconduct.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

10 (225 ILCS 316/34)

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

12 Sec. 34. Powers and duties of the Board.

13 (a) The Board shall meet ~~hold~~ at least once per ~~one meeting~~
14 ~~each~~ year or as otherwise called by the Secretary, with any
15 such meeting conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings
16 Act.

17 (b) The Board shall annually elect a chairperson and a
18 vice chairperson who shall be registered landscape architects.

19 (c) The Department may, at any time, seek the expert
20 advice and knowledge of the Board on any matter relating to the
21 enforcement of this Act, including, but not limited to,
22 qualifications of applicants for registration.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

24 (225 ILCS 316/48)

1 Sec. 48. Endorsement.

2 (a) The Department may issue a registration as a landscape
3 architect to an applicant who submits a valid application
4 accompanied by the required fee and is a landscape architect
5 licensed, ~~or~~ registered, certified, or otherwise authorized
6 under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, a
7 territory of the United States, or a foreign country if the
8 requirements for licensure, registration, ~~or~~ certification, or
9 authorization in that other jurisdiction were, on the date of
10 original licensure, registration, or certification,
11 substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in
12 this State.

13 (b) An application for endorsement shall provide proof of
14 passage of an examination required for registration.

15 (c) If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or
16 relevance or sufficiency of the coursework or experience is
17 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of
18 information, discrepancies, or conflicts in information given
19 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking
20 registration may be required to provide additional
21 information.

22 (d) An applicant has 3 years from the date of application
23 to complete the application process. If the process has not
24 been completed in 3 years, the application shall be expired
25 ~~denied~~, the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
26 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

1 (e) (Blank). ~~This Section is repealed on January 1, 2027.~~
2 (Source: P.A. 103-1044, eff. 1-1-25.)

3 (225 ILCS 316/50)

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

5 Sec. 50. Registration, renewal, and restoration.

6 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each
7 certificate of registration issued under this Act shall be
8 established by rule. A registrant may renew a certificate of
9 registration during the month preceding its expiration date by
10 paying the required fee.

11 (b) A registered landscape architect who has permitted the
12 registered landscape architect's ~~his or her~~ registration to
13 expire or has had the registered landscape architect's ~~his or~~
14 ~~her~~ registration placed on inactive status may have the
15 registered landscape architect's ~~his or her~~ registration
16 restored by making application to the Department and filing
17 proof acceptable to the Department of the registered landscape
18 architect's ~~his or her~~ fitness to have the registered
19 landscape architect's ~~his or her~~ registration restored,
20 including, but not limited to, sworn evidence certifying
21 active lawful practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to
22 the Department and by paying the required fee as determined by
23 rule.

24 (c) A registered landscape architect whose registration
25 expired while engaged (1) in federal service on active duty

1 with the Armed Forces of the United States or the State Militia
2 called into service or training or (2) in training or
3 education under the supervision of the United States
4 preliminary to induction into the military service, may have a
5 registration restored or reinstated without paying any lapsed
6 reinstatement, renewal, or restoration fees if, within 2 years
7 after termination, other than by dishonorable discharge, of
8 such service, training, or education, and the Department is
9 furnished with satisfactory evidence that the registrant has
10 been so engaged in the practice of landscape architecture and
11 that such service, training, or education has been so
12 terminated.

13 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

14 (225 ILCS 316/55)

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

16 Sec. 55. Prior registrations under the Illinois Landscape
17 Architecture Act of 1989. A person who was actively registered
18 under the Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989 and had
19 renewed the person's ~~his or her~~ registration before January 1,
20 2020, may have the person's ~~his or her~~ registration restored
21 without fee upon the effective date of the rules adopted under
22 this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

24 (225 ILCS 316/60)

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

2 Sec. 60. Inactive status.

3 (a) A person registered under this Act who notifies the
4 Department in writing on forms or electronically as prescribed
5 by the Department may elect to place the person's ~~his or her~~
6 registration on inactive status and shall, subject to rules of
7 the Department, be excused from payment of renewal fees until
8 the person ~~he or she~~ notifies the Department in writing on
9 forms or electronically as prescribed by the Department of the
10 person's ~~his or her~~ desire to resume active status.

11 (b) Any registrant whose registration is on inactive
12 status shall not use the title "registered landscape
13 architect" or "landscape architect" in the State of Illinois.

14 (c) Any registrant who uses the title "registered
15 landscape architect" or "landscape architect" while the
16 registrant's ~~his or her~~ registration is inactive shall be
17 considered to be using the title without a registration that
18 shall be grounds for discipline under this Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

20 (225 ILCS 316/70)

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

22 Sec. 70. Disposition of funds. All ~~of the~~ fees collected
23 as authorized under this Act shall be deposited into the
24 Design Professionals Administration and Investigation General
25 Professions—Dedicated Fund. The moneys deposited into the

1 Design Professionals Administration and Investigation ~~General~~
2 ~~Professions Dedicated~~ Fund may be used for the expenses of the
3 Department in the administration of this Act. Moneys from the
4 Fund may also be used for direct and allocable indirect costs
5 related to the public purposes of the Department of Financial
6 and Professional Regulation. Moneys in the Fund may be
7 transferred to the Professions Indirect Cost Fund as
8 authorized by Section 2105-300 of the Department of
9 Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code
10 of Illinois.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

12 (225 ILCS 316/80)

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

14 Sec. 80. Unauthorized practice; violation ~~Violation;~~
15 ~~injunction; cease and desist order;~~ civil penalty.

16 (a) If any person violates the provisions of this Act, the
17 Secretary may, in the name of the People of the State of
18 Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of
19 Illinois or the State's Attorney of any county in which the
20 action is brought, petition for an order enjoining such
21 violation and for an order enforcing compliance with this Act.
22 Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court may
23 issue a temporary restraining order, without notice or bond,
24 and may preliminarily and permanently enjoin such violation.
25 If it is established that such person has violated or is

1 violating the injunction, the Court may punish the offender
2 for contempt of court. Proceedings under this Section shall be
3 in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies and
4 penalties provided by this Act.

5 (b) Whoever holds oneself ~~himself or herself~~ out as a
6 "registered landscape architect", "landscape architect", or
7 any other name or designation that would in any way imply that
8 the person ~~he or she~~ is able to use the title "registered
9 landscape architect" or "landscape architect" without being
10 registered under this Act shall be guilty of a Class A
11 misdemeanor, and for each subsequent conviction shall be
12 guilty of a Class 4 felony.

13 (c) Any person who holds oneself out as a "registered
14 landscape architect", "landscape architect", or any other name
15 or designation that would in any way imply that the person is
16 able to use the title "registered landscape architect" or
17 "landscape architect" shall, in addition to any other penalty
18 provided by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an
19 amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each offense, as determined
20 by the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the
21 Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the
22 provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a
23 hearing for the discipline of a licensee.

24 (d) The Department may investigate any actual, alleged, or
25 suspected unauthorized activity.

26 (e) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after

1 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty.
2 The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and
3 executed thereon in the same manner as any judgment from any
4 court of record.

5 (f) Each day that a violation occurs constitutes a
6 separate offense. Any civil penalties imposed shall be payable
7 to the Department.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

9 (225 ILCS 316/85)

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

11 Sec. 85. Grounds for discipline.

12 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or to renew a
13 certificate of registration, or may revoke, suspend, place on
14 probation, reprimand, or take other disciplinary or
15 nondisciplinary action the Department may deem proper,
16 including fines not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, with
17 regard to any certificate of registration issued under this
18 Act, for any one or combination of the following reasons:

19 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
20 the Department.

21 (2) Negligent or intentional disregard of this Act or
22 rules adopted under this Act.

23 (3) Conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo
24 contendere, finding of guilt, jury verdict, or entry of
25 judgment or sentencing, including, but not limited to,

1 convictions, preceding sentences of supervision,
2 conditional discharge, or first offender probation under
3 the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States that is
4 (i) a felony, (ii) a misdemeanor, an essential element of
5 which is dishonesty, or (iii) any crime that is directly
6 related to the practice of landscape architecture.

7 (4) Making any misrepresentations for the purpose of
8 obtaining a certificate of registration.

9 (5) Professional incompetence or gross negligence in
10 the rendering of landscape architectural services.

11 (6) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
12 any provision of this Act or any rules and regulations
13 issued pursuant to this Act.

14 (7) Failing to provide information within 60 days in
15 response to a written request made by the Department.

16 (8) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
17 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
18 defraud, or harm the public.

19 (9) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs
20 defined by law as controlled substances, alcohol,
21 narcotics, stimulants, or any other substances that
22 results in the inability to practice with reasonable
23 judgment, skill, or safety.

24 (10) Discipline by another jurisdiction, if at least
25 one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or
26 substantially equivalent to those set forth in this

1 Section.

2 (11) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving
3 from any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or
4 association any fee, commission, rebate, or other form of
5 compensation for any professional service not actually
6 rendered.

7 (12) A finding by the Department that the registrant,
8 after having the registration placed on probationary
9 status, has violated or failed to comply with the terms of
10 probation.

11 (13) A finding by the Department that the registrant
12 has failed to pay a fine imposed by the Department.

13 (14) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
14 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
15 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, and
16 upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the
17 registrant has caused a child to be an abused child or
18 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected
19 Child Reporting Act.

20 (15) Solicitation of professional services by ~~using~~
21 ~~false or misleading~~ advertising in any manner that is
22 false, misleading, or deceptive.

23 (16) Inability to practice the profession with
24 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety as a result of
25 physical illness, including, but not limited to,
26 deterioration through the aging process, loss of motor

1 skill, mental illness, or disability.

2 (17) Using or attempting to use an expired, inactive,
3 suspended, ~~or~~ revoked, canceled, nonrenewed, or otherwise
4 inoperative registration, using ~~or~~ the seal of another
5 registrant, or impersonating another registrant.

6 (18) Signing, affixing, or allowing the registered
7 landscape architect's seal to be affixed to any plans not
8 prepared by the registered landscape architect or under
9 the registered landscape architect's supervision.

10 (19) Practicing, attempting to practice, or
11 advertising under a name other than the full name as shown
12 on the certificate of registration or any other legally
13 authorized name.

14 (20) Performing any act or practice that is a
15 violation of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
16 Practices Act.

17 (21) Treating any person differently to the person's
18 detriment because of the person's race, color, creed,
19 gender, age, religion, or national origin.

20 (22) Violating any final administrative order of the
21 Secretary.

22 (23) Gross and willful overcharging for professional
23 services, including filing false statements for the
24 collection of fees or moneys for which services are not
25 rendered.

26 (b) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the

1 registration of any person who fails to file a return, fails to
2 pay the tax, penalty, or interest showing in a filed return, or
3 fails to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or
4 interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the
5 Department of Revenue, until the requirements of any such tax
6 Act are satisfied.

7 (c) The determination or entry of a decree by any circuit
8 court establishing that any person holding a certificate of
9 registration under this Act is a person subject to involuntary
10 admission under the Mental Health and Developmental
11 Disabilities Code shall operate as a suspension of that
12 registration. That person may resume using the title
13 "registered landscape architect" or "landscape architect" only
14 upon a finding by the Department that the person ~~he or she~~ has
15 been determined to be no longer subject to involuntary
16 admission by the court and meeting the requirements for
17 restoration as required by this Act and its rules.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

19 (225 ILCS 316/95)

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

21 Sec. 95. Record of proceedings.

22 (a) The Department, at its expense, shall provide a
23 certified shorthand reporter to take down the testimony and
24 preserve a record of all proceedings in which a registrant may
25 have their registration revoked or suspended or in which the

1 registrant may be placed on probationary status, reprimanded,
2 fined, or subjected to other disciplinary action with
3 reference to the registration when a disciplinary action is
4 authorized under this Act and rules issued pursuant to this
5 Act. The notice of hearing, complaint, and all other documents
6 in the nature of pleadings and written motions filed in the
7 proceedings, the transcript of the testimony, and the orders
8 of the Department shall be the record of the proceedings. The
9 record may be made available to any person interested in the
10 hearing upon payment of the fee required by Section 2105-115
11 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil
12 Administrative Code of Illinois.

13 (b) The Department may contract for court reporting
14 services, and, if it does so, the Department shall provide the
15 name and contact information for the certified shorthand
16 reporter who transcribed the testimony at a hearing to any
17 person interested, who may obtain a copy of the transcript of
18 any proceedings at a hearing upon payment of the fee specified
19 by the certified shorthand reporter.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

21 (225 ILCS 316/110)

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

23 Sec. 110. Hearing; motion for rehearing.

24 (a) The hearing officer appointed by the Secretary shall
25 hear evidence in support of the formal charges and evidence

1 produced by the registrant. At the conclusion of the hearing,
2 the hearing officer shall present to the Secretary a written
3 report of the hearing officer's ~~his or her~~ findings of fact,
4 conclusions of law, and recommendations.

5 (b) At the conclusion of the hearing, a copy of the hearing
6 officer's report shall be served upon the applicant or
7 registrant, either personally or as provided in this Act for
8 the service of the notice of hearing. Within 20 days after such
9 service, the applicant or registrant may present to the
10 Department a motion, in writing, for a rehearing which shall
11 specify the particular grounds for rehearing. The Department
12 may respond to the motion for rehearing within 20 days after
13 its service on the Department. If no motion for rehearing is
14 filed, then upon the expiration of the time specified for
15 filing such a motion, or upon denial of a motion for rehearing,
16 the Secretary may enter an order in accordance with the
17 recommendations of the hearing officer. If the applicant or
18 registrant orders from the reporting service and pays for a
19 transcript of the record within the time for filing a motion
20 for rehearing, the 20-day period within which a motion may be
21 filed shall commence upon delivery of the transcript to the
22 applicant or registrant.

23 (c) If the Secretary disagrees in any regard with the
24 report of the hearing officer, the Secretary may issue an
25 order contrary to the hearing officer's report.

26 (d) If the Secretary is not satisfied that substantial

1 justice has been done, the Secretary may order a hearing by the
2 same or another hearing officer.

3 (e) At any point in any investigation or disciplinary
4 proceeding provided for in this Act, both parties may agree to
5 a negotiated consent order. The consent order shall be final
6 upon signature of the Secretary.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-284, eff. 8-6-21.)

8 Section 30. The Community Association Manager Licensing
9 and Disciplinary Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 20,
10 40, 55, 60, 75, 85, 85.1, 86, 95, and 120 as follows:

11 (225 ILCS 427/10)

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

13 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

14 "Address of record" means the designated street address,
15 which may not be a post office box, recorded by the Department
16 in the applicant's or licensee's application file or license
17 file maintained by the Department.

18 "Advertise" means, but is not limited to, issuing or
19 causing to be distributed any card, sign or device to any
20 person; or causing, permitting or allowing any sign or marking
21 on or in any building, structure, newspaper, magazine or
22 directory, or on radio or television; or advertising by any
23 other means designed to secure public attention, including,
24 but not limited to, print, electronic, social media, and

1 digital forums.

2 "Board" means the Community Association Manager Licensing
3 and Disciplinary Board.

4 "Community association" means an association in which
5 membership is a condition of ownership or shareholder interest
6 of a unit in a condominium, cooperative, townhouse, villa, or
7 other residential unit which is part of a residential
8 development plan and that is authorized to impose an
9 assessment, rents, or other costs that may become a lien on the
10 unit or lot.

11 "Community association funds" means any assessments, fees,
12 fines, or other funds collected by the community association
13 manager from the community association, or its members, other
14 than the compensation paid to the community association
15 manager for performance of community association management
16 services.

17 "Community association management firm" means a company,
18 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other
19 entity that engages in community association management
20 services.

21 "Community association management services" means those
22 services listed in the definition of community association
23 manager in this Section.

24 "Community association manager" means an individual who:

25 (1) has an ownership interest in or is employed by a
26 community association management firm, or is directly

1 employed by or provides services as an independent
2 contractor to a community association; and

3 (2) administers for remuneration the financial,
4 administrative, maintenance, or other duties for the
5 community association, including the following services:

6 (A) collecting, controlling or disbursing funds of
7 the community association or having the authority to
8 do so;

9 (B) preparing budgets or other financial documents
10 for the community association;

11 (C) assisting in the conduct of community
12 association meetings;

13 (D) maintaining association records;

14 (E) administering association contracts or
15 procuring goods and services in accordance with the
16 declaration, bylaws, proprietary lease, declaration of
17 covenants, or other governing document of the
18 community association or at the direction of the board
19 of managers; and

20 (F) coordinating financial, administrative,
21 maintenance, or other duties called for in the
22 management contract, including individuals who are
23 direct employees of the community association.

24 ~~"Community association manager" does not mean support~~
25 ~~staff, including, but not limited to bookkeepers,~~
26 ~~administrative assistants, secretaries, property inspectors,~~

1 ~~or customer service representatives.~~

2 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
3 Professional Regulation.

4 "Designated community association manager" means a
5 licensed community association manager who: (1) has an
6 ownership interest in or is employed by a community
7 association management firm to act as a controlling person;
8 and (2) is the authorized signatory or has delegated signing
9 authority for the firm on community association accounts; and
10 (3) supervises, manages, and is responsible for the firm's
11 community association manager activities pursuant to Section
12 50 of this Act.

13 "Email address of record" means the designated email
14 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
15 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained
16 by the Department.

17 "License" means the privilege conferred by the Department
18 to a person that has fulfilled all requirements prerequisite
19 to any type of licensure under this Act.

20 "Licensee" means any person licensed under this Act.

21 "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership,
22 limited liability company, or other legal entity.

23 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
24 Professional Regulation or the Secretary's designee.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22.)

1 (225 ILCS 427/20)

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

3 Sec. 20. Exemptions.

4 (a) The requirement for holding a license under this Act
5 shall not apply to any of the following:

6 (1) Any director or officer of a community association
7 providing one or more of the services of a community
8 association manager to a community association without
9 compensation for such services to the association.

10 (2) Any person providing one or more of the services
11 of a community association manager to a community
12 association of 10 units or less.

13 (3) A licensed attorney acting solely as an incident
14 to the practice of law.

15 (4) An individual acting as a receiver, trustee in
16 bankruptcy, administrator, executor, or guardian acting
17 under a court order or under the authority of a court.

18 (5) A person licensed in this State under any other
19 Act who engages in practices or activities specifically
20 authorized by the Act pursuant to which the license was
21 granted.

22 (6) An unlicensed owner who does not perform a
23 licensed activity and the unlicensed owner's support
24 staff, including, but not limited to bookkeepers,
25 administrative assistants, secretaries, property
26 inspectors, or customer service representatives.

1 (b) A licensed community association manager may not
2 perform or engage in any activities for which a real estate
3 managing broker, real estate broker, or residential leasing
4 agent license is required under the Real Estate License Act of
5 2000, unless the licensee also possesses a current and valid
6 license under the Real Estate License Act of 2000 and is
7 providing those services as provided for in the Real Estate
8 License Act of 2000 and the applicable rules.

9 (c) (Blank).

10 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

11 (225 ILCS 427/40)

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

13 Sec. 40. Qualifications for licensure as a community
14 association manager.

15 (a) No person shall be qualified for licensure as a
16 community association manager under this Act unless the person
17 has applied in writing on the prescribed forms and has paid the
18 required, nonrefundable fees and has met all of the following
19 qualifications:

20 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

21 (1.5) Successfully completed a 4-year course of study
22 in a high school, secondary school, or an equivalent
23 course of study approved by the state in which the school
24 is located, or possess a State of Illinois High School
25 Diploma, which shall be verified under oath by the

1 applicant.

2 (2) Provided satisfactory evidence of having completed
3 at least 20 classroom hours in community association
4 management courses approved by the Board.

5 (3) Passed an examination authorized by the
6 Department.

7 (4) Has not committed an act or acts, in this or any
8 other jurisdiction, that would be a violation of this Act.

9 (5) Is of good moral character. In determining moral
10 character under this Section, the Department may take into
11 consideration whether the applicant has engaged in conduct
12 or activities that would constitute grounds for discipline
13 under this Act. Good moral character is a continuing
14 requirement of licensure. Conviction of crimes may be used
15 in determining moral character, but shall not constitute
16 an absolute bar to licensure.

17 (6) (Blank). ~~Has not been declared by any court of~~
18 ~~competent jurisdiction to be incompetent by reason of~~
19 ~~mental or physical defect or disease, unless subsequently~~
20 ~~declared by a court to be competent.~~

21 (7) Complies with any additional qualifications for
22 licensure as determined by rule of the Department.

23 (b) (Blank).

24 (c) (Blank).

25 (d) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application
26 to complete the application process. If the process has not

1 been completed within the 3 years, the application shall be
2 denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must
3 reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of
4 re-application.

5 (e) The Department shall not require applicants to report
6 the following information and shall not consider the following
7 criminal history records in connection with an application for
8 licensure:

9 (1) juvenile adjudications of delinquent minors as
10 defined in Section 5-105 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987
11 subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 5-130 of
12 that Act;

13 (2) law enforcement records, court records, and
14 conviction records of an individual who was 17 years old
15 at the time of the offense and before January 1, 2014,
16 unless the nature of the offense required the individual
17 to be tried as an adult;

18 (3) records of arrest not followed by a charge or
19 conviction;

20 (4) records of arrest in which the charges were
21 dismissed unless related to the practice of the
22 profession; however, applicants shall not be asked to
23 report any arrests, and an arrest not followed by a
24 conviction shall not be the basis of a denial and may be
25 used only to assess an applicant's rehabilitation;

26 (5) convictions overturned by a higher court; or

1 (6) convictions or arrests that have been sealed or
2 expunged.

3 (f) An applicant or licensee shall report to the
4 Department, in a manner prescribed by the Department, and
5 within 30 days after the occurrence if during the term of
6 licensure: (i) any conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo
7 contendere to forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under
8 false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or
9 any similar offense or offenses or any conviction of a felony
10 involving moral turpitude; (ii) the entry of an administrative
11 sanction by a governmental ~~government~~ agency in this State or
12 any other jurisdiction that has as an essential element
13 dishonesty or fraud or involves larceny, embezzlement, or
14 obtaining money, property, or credit by false pretenses; or
15 (iii) any conviction of or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to
16 a crime that subjects the licensee to compliance with the
17 requirements of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-1100, eff. 1-1-23.)

19 (225 ILCS 427/55)

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

21 Sec. 55. Insurance ~~Fidelity insurance~~; segregation of
22 accounts; records.

23 (a) The designated community association manager or the
24 community association management firm that employs the
25 designated community association manager shall not have access

1 to and disburse community association funds unless each of the
2 following conditions occur:

3 (1) There is fidelity or crime insurance in place to
4 insure against loss or theft of community association
5 funds.

6 (2) The fidelity or crime insurance is in the maximum
7 amount of coverage available to protect funds in the
8 custody or control of the designated community association
9 manager or community association management firm providing
10 service to the association.

11 Nothing in this Section shall require that fidelity
12 coverage be issued when a crime insurance policy with
13 equivalent or broader coverage is already in place.

14 (3) During the term and coverage period of the
15 insurance, the fidelity or crime insurance shall cover:

16 (A) the designated community association manager;

17 (B) the community association management firm;

18 (C) all community association managers;

19 (D) all partners, officers, and employees of the
20 community association management firm; and

21 (E) the community association officers, directors,
22 and employees.

23 (4) The insurance company issuing the fidelity or
24 crime insurance may not cancel or refuse to renew the
25 coverage bond without giving at least 10 days' prior
26 written notice.

1 (5) Unless an agreement between the community
2 association and the designated community association
3 manager or the community association management firm
4 provides to the contrary, a community association may
5 secure and pay for the fidelity or crime insurance
6 required by this Section. The designated community
7 association manager, all other licensees, and the
8 community association management firm must be named as
9 additional insured parties on the community association
10 policy. If the fidelity or crime insurance is not secured
11 and paid for by the association, the designated community
12 association manager or the community association
13 management firm that secures and pays for the insurance
14 shall provide a current certificate of fidelity or crime
15 insurance to the community association for which it
16 provides community association management services within
17 10 days of a request for such certificate by the community
18 association for its records.

19 (b) A community association management firm that provides
20 community association management services for more than one
21 community association shall maintain separate, segregated
22 accounts for each community association. The funds shall not,
23 in any event, be commingled with the funds of the community
24 association manager, the community association management
25 firm, or any other community association. The maintenance of
26 such accounts shall be custodial, and such accounts shall be

1 in the name of the respective community association.

2 (c) The designated community association manager or
3 community association management firm shall obtain the
4 appropriate general liability and errors and omissions
5 insurance, as determined by the Department, to cover any
6 losses or claims against a community association manager, the
7 designated community association manager, or the community
8 association management firm. The designated community
9 association manager or the community association management
10 firm shall provide a current certificate of general liability
11 and errors and omissions insurance to the community
12 association for which it provides community association
13 management services within 10 days of a request for such
14 certificate by the community association for its records.

15 (c-5) The Department shall have the authority to audit or
16 inspect any electronic or physical record, account, document,
17 book, form, or file required to be created or maintained by
18 this Act.

19 (d) The Department shall have authority to promulgate
20 additional rules regarding insurance, fidelity or crime
21 insurance, and all records and accounts required ~~maintained~~
22 ~~and~~ to be maintained by a community association manager,
23 designated community association manager, or community
24 association management firm.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22.)

1 (225 ILCS 427/60)

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

3 Sec. 60. Licenses; renewals; restoration; person in
4 military service.

5 (a) The expiration date, fees, and renewal period for each
6 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. The
7 Department may promulgate rules requiring pre-license or
8 continuing education and set all necessary requirements for
9 such, including, but not limited to, fees. ~~, approved~~
10 ~~coursework, number of hours, and waivers of continuing~~
11 ~~education.~~

12 (a-5) A community association manager whose license has
13 lapsed or expired may renew the license without examination
14 for a time period of up to 2 years following the expiration
15 date of the license. The licensee shall complete an
16 application to the Department, provide evidence of the
17 licensee's successful completion of all hours of approved
18 continuing education during the period of time the license had
19 lapsed, and pay all fees as required by rule.

20 (b) A community association manager whose license has been
21 lapsed or expired for more than 2 years but less than 5 years
22 following the expiration date of the license may restore the
23 license without examination by (i) applying to the Department,
24 (ii) providing evidence of the community association manager's
25 successful completion of all hours of approved continuing
26 education during the lapsed periods prior to the date of the

1 application, (iii) paying the required fees, and (iv)
2 satisfying any other requirements as established by rule. A
3 community association manager whose license has been expired
4 for more than 5 years shall be required to meet the
5 requirements of a new license. ~~Any licensee who has an expired~~
6 ~~license may have the license restored by applying to the~~
7 ~~Department and filing proof acceptable to the Department of~~
8 ~~fitness to have the expired license restored, which may~~
9 ~~include sworn evidence certifying to active practice in~~
10 ~~another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department, complying~~
11 ~~with any continuing education requirements, and paying the~~
12 ~~required restoration fee.~~

13 (c) Any person whose license expired while (i) in federal
14 service on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United
15 States or called into service or training with the State
16 Militia, (ii) in training or education under the supervision
17 of the United States preliminary to induction into the
18 military service, or (iii) serving as an employee of the
19 Department may have the license renewed or restored without
20 paying any lapsed renewal fees and without completing the
21 continuing education requirements for that licensure period
22 if, within 2 years after honorable termination of the service,
23 training, or education, except under conditions ~~condition~~
24 other than honorable, the licensee furnishes the Department
25 with satisfactory evidence of engagement and that the service,
26 training, or education has been so honorably terminated.

1 (d) A community association manager or community
2 association management firm that notifies the Department, in a
3 manner prescribed by the Department, may place the license on
4 inactive status for a period not to exceed 2 years and shall be
5 excused from the payment of renewal fees until the person
6 notifies the Department in writing of the intention to resume
7 active practice.

8 (e) A community association manager or community
9 association management firm requesting that the license be
10 changed from inactive to active status shall be required to
11 pay the current renewal fee and shall also demonstrate
12 compliance with the continuing education requirements.

13 (f) No licensee with a nonrenewed or inactive license
14 status or community association management firm operating
15 without a designated community association manager shall
16 provide community association management services as set forth
17 in this Act.

18 (g) Any person violating subsection (f) of this Section
19 shall be considered to be practicing without a license and
20 will be subject to the disciplinary provisions of this Act.

21 (h) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
22 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or fee from a
23 disciplinary matter or from a non-disciplinary action imposed
24 by the Department until the fine or fee is paid to the
25 Department or the applicant or licensee has entered into a
26 payment plan and is current on the required payments.

1 (i) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
2 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or civil penalty
3 imposed by the Department for unlicensed practice until the
4 fine or civil penalty is paid to the Department or the
5 applicant or licensee has entered into a payment plan and is
6 current on the required payments.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22;
8 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

9 (225 ILCS 427/75)

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

11 Sec. 75. Endorsement. The Department may issue a
12 community association manager license ~~without the required~~
13 ~~examination,~~ to an applicant licensed under the laws of
14 another state or jurisdiction without the required
15 examination. ~~if the requirements for licensure in that state~~
16 ~~are, on the date of licensure, substantially equal to the~~
17 ~~requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time of~~
18 ~~application for licensure, possessed individual qualifications~~
19 ~~that were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in~~
20 ~~force in this State. An applicant under this Section shall pay~~
21 ~~all of the required fees.~~

22 An applicant under this Section shall pay all the required
23 fees and ~~All applicants under this Act~~ have 3 years from the
24 date of application to complete the application process. If
25 the process has not been completed within the 3 years, the

1 application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and
2 the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect
3 at the time of reapplication.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 (225 ILCS 427/85)

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

7 Sec. 85. Grounds for discipline; refusal, revocation, or
8 suspension.

9 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew a license,
10 or may place on probation, reprimand, suspend, or revoke any
11 license, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary
12 action as the Department may deem proper and impose a fine not
13 to exceed \$10,000 for each violation upon any licensee or
14 applicant under this Act or any person or entity who holds
15 oneself out as an applicant or licensee for any one or
16 combination of the following causes:

17 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
18 the Department.

19 (2) Violations of this Act or its rules.

20 (3) Conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or plea
21 of nolo contendere, as set forth in subsection (f) of
22 Section 40, to (i) a felony or a misdemeanor under the laws
23 of the United States, any state, or any other jurisdiction
24 or entry of an administrative sanction by a governmental
25 ~~government~~ agency in this State or any other jurisdiction

1 or (ii) a crime that subjects the licensee to compliance
2 with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration
3 Act; or the entry of an administrative sanction by a
4 governmental ~~government~~ agency in this State or any other
5 jurisdiction.

6 (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of
7 obtaining a license or violating any provision of this Act
8 or its rules.

9 (5) Professional incompetence.

10 (6) Gross negligence.

11 (7) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
12 any provision of this Act or its rules.

13 (8) Failing, within 30 days, to provide information in
14 response to a request made by the Department.

15 (9) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
16 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
17 defraud, or harm the public as defined by the rules of the
18 Department, or violating the rules of professional conduct
19 adopted by the Department.

20 (10) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to
21 alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical
22 agent or drug that results in the inability to practice
23 with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety, and which may
24 result in significant harm to the public.

25 (11) Having been disciplined by another state, the
26 District of Columbia, a territory, a foreign nation, or a

1 governmental agency authorized to impose discipline if at
2 least one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or
3 substantially equivalent of one of the grounds for which a
4 licensee may be disciplined under this Act. A certified
5 copy of the record of the action by the other state or
6 jurisdiction shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

7 (12) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving
8 from any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or
9 association any fee, commission, rebate, or other form of
10 compensation for any services not actually or personally
11 rendered.

12 (13) A finding by the Department that the licensee,
13 after having the license placed on probationary status,
14 has violated the terms of probation.

15 (14) Willfully making or filing false records or
16 reports relating to a licensee's practice, including, but
17 not limited to, false records filed with any State or
18 federal agencies or departments.

19 (15) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
20 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
21 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and
22 upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the
23 licensee has caused a child to be an abused child or
24 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected
25 Child Reporting Act.

26 (16) Physical illness or mental illness or impairment

1 that results in the inability to practice the profession
2 with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

3 (17) Solicitation of professional services by using
4 false or misleading advertising.

5 (18) A finding that licensure has been applied for or
6 obtained by fraudulent means.

7 (19) Practicing or attempting to practice under a name
8 other than the full name as shown on the license or any
9 other legally authorized name unless approved by the
10 Department.

11 (20) Gross overcharging for professional services
12 including, but not limited to, (i) collection of fees or
13 moneys for services that are not rendered; and (ii)
14 charging for services that are not in accordance with the
15 contract between the licensee and the community
16 association.

17 (21) Improper commingling of personal and client funds
18 in violation of this Act or any rules promulgated thereto.

19 (22) Failing to account for or remit any moneys or
20 documents coming into the licensee's possession that
21 belong to another person or entity.

22 (23) Giving differential treatment to a person that is
23 to that person's detriment on the basis of race, color,
24 sex, ancestry, age, order of protection status, marital
25 status, physical or mental disability, military status,
26 unfavorable discharge from military status, sexual

1 orientation, pregnancy, religion, or national origin.

2 (24) Performing and charging for services without
3 reasonable authorization to do so from the person or
4 entity for whom service is being provided.

5 (25) Failing to make available to the Department, upon
6 request, any books, records, or forms required by this
7 Act.

8 (26) Purporting to be a designated community
9 association manager of a firm without active participation
10 in the firm and having been designated as such.

11 (27) Failing to make available to the Department at
12 the time of the request any indicia of licensure issued
13 under this Act.

14 (28) Failing to maintain and deposit funds belonging
15 to a community association in accordance with subsection
16 (b) of Section 55 of this Act.

17 (29) Violating the terms of any order issued by the
18 Department.

19 (30) Operating a community association management firm
20 without a designated community association manager who
21 holds an active community association manager license.

22 (31) For a designated community association manager,
23 failing to meet the requirements for acting as a
24 designated community association manager.

25 (32) Failing to disclose to a community association
26 any compensation received by a licensee from a third party

1 in connection with or related to a transaction entered
2 into by the licensee on behalf of the community
3 association.

4 (33) Failing to disclose to a community association,
5 at the time of making the referral, that a licensee (A) has
6 greater than a 1% ownership interest in a third party to
7 which it refers the community association; or (B) receives
8 or may receive dividends or other profit sharing
9 distributions from a third party, other than a publicly
10 held or traded company, to which it refers the community
11 association.

12 (b) (Blank).

13 (c) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee
14 is subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission, as
15 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
16 Code, operates as an automatic suspension. The suspension will
17 terminate only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no
18 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission
19 and the issuance of an order so finding and discharging the
20 patient, and upon the recommendation of the Board to the
21 Secretary that the licensee be allowed to resume practice as a
22 licensed community association manager.

23 (d) In accordance with subsection (g) of Section 2105-15
24 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil
25 Administrative Code of Illinois ~~(20 ILCS 2105/2105-15)~~, the
26 Department may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend the

1 license of any person who fails to file a return, to pay the
2 tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay
3 any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required
4 by any tax Act administered by the Department of Revenue,
5 until such time as the requirements of that tax Act are
6 satisfied.

7 (e) In accordance with subdivision (a)(5) of Section
8 2105-15 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of
9 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois ~~(20 ILCS~~
10 ~~2105/2105-15)~~ and in cases where the Department of Healthcare
11 and Family Services (formerly Department of Public Aid) has
12 previously determined that a licensee or a potential licensee
13 is more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support
14 and has subsequently certified the delinquency to the
15 Department, the Department may refuse to issue or renew or may
16 revoke or suspend that person's license or may take other
17 disciplinary action against that person based solely upon the
18 certification of delinquency made by the Department of
19 Healthcare and Family Services.

20 (f) (Blank).

21 (g) In accordance with subsection (g-5) of Section 2105-15
22 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil
23 Administrative Code of Illinois, the Department may refuse to
24 issue or renew, suspend, or revoke, without a hearing, the
25 license of any person or entity who fails to pay or secure
26 workers' compensation obligations as determined by and based

1 solely upon the certification of the Department of Insurance
2 or the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

4 (225 ILCS 427/85.1)

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

6 Sec. 85.1. Citations.

7 (a) The Department may adopt rules to permit the issuance
8 of citations to any licensee for failure to comply with the
9 continuing education requirements set forth in this Act or as
10 established by rule. The citation shall be issued to the
11 licensee and a copy sent to the licensee's designated
12 community association manager, if any, and shall contain the
13 licensee's name, the licensee's address, the licensee's
14 license number, the number of required hours of continuing
15 education that have not been successfully completed on or
16 before ~~by the licensee's renewal deadline, licensee within the~~
17 ~~renewal period,~~ and the penalty imposed, which shall not
18 exceed \$2,000. The issuance of any such citation shall not
19 excuse the licensee from completing all continuing education
20 required for that term of licensure ~~renewal period~~.

21 (b) Service of a citation shall be made in person,
22 electronically, or by mail to the licensee at the licensee's
23 address of record or email address of record, and the citation
24 must clearly state that if the cited licensee wishes to
25 dispute the citation, the cited licensee may make a written

1 request, within 30 days after the citation is served, for a
2 hearing before the Department. If the cited licensee does not
3 request a hearing within 30 days after the citation is served,
4 then ~~the citation shall become~~ a final, non-disciplinary order
5 shall be entered, and any fine imposed is due and payable
6 within 30 ~~60~~ days after the entry of that final order. If the
7 cited licensee requests a hearing within 30 days after the
8 citation is served, the Department shall afford the cited
9 licensee a hearing conducted in the same manner as a hearing
10 provided for in this Act for any violation of this Act and
11 shall determine whether the cited licensee committed the
12 violation as charged and whether the fine as levied is
13 warranted. If the violation is found, any fine shall
14 constitute non-public discipline and be due and payable within
15 30 days after the order of the Secretary, which shall
16 constitute a final order of the Department. No change in
17 license status may be made by the Department until a final
18 order of the Department has been issued.

19 (c) Payment of a fine that has been assessed pursuant to
20 this Section shall not constitute disciplinary action
21 reportable on the Department's website or elsewhere unless a
22 licensee has previously received 2 or more citations and been
23 assessed 2 or more fines.

24 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the
25 Department from taking further action pursuant to this Act and
26 rules for additional, repeated, or continuing violations.

1 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

2 (225 ILCS 427/86)

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

4 Sec. 86. Illegal discrimination.

5 (a) When there has been an adjudication in a civil or
6 criminal proceeding that a community association manager or
7 community association management firm has illegally
8 discriminated while engaged in any activity for which a
9 license is required under this Act, the Department, following
10 the provision of notice to the licensee and a hearing
11 conducted in accordance with Section 95 and upon the
12 recommendation of the Board as to the extent of the suspension
13 or revocation, shall suspend or revoke the license of that
14 licensee in a timely manner, unless the adjudication is in the
15 appeal process. The finding or judgment of the civil or
16 criminal proceeding is a matter of record and the merits of the
17 finding or judgment shall not be challenged in a request for a
18 hearing by the licensee.

19 (b) When there has been an order in an administrative
20 proceeding finding that a licensee has illegally discriminated
21 while engaged in any activity for which a license is required
22 under this Act, the Department, following the provision of
23 notice to the licensee and a hearing conducted in accordance
24 with Section 95, and upon recommendation of the Board as to the
25 nature and extent of the discipline, shall take one or more of

1 the disciplinary actions provided for in Section 85 in a
2 timely manner, unless the administrative order is in the
3 appeal process. The finding of the administrative order is a
4 matter of record and the merits of the finding shall not be
5 challenged in a request for a hearing by the licensee.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

7 (225 ILCS 427/95)

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

9 Sec. 95. Investigation; notice and hearing. The
10 Department may investigate the actions or qualifications of a
11 person, which includes an entity, applying for, holding or
12 claiming to hold, or holding oneself out as having a license or
13 rendering or offering to render services for which a license
14 is required by this Act. The Department shall, before ~~Before~~
15 suspending, revoking, placing on probationary status, or
16 taking any other disciplinary action as the Department may
17 deem proper with regard to any license, at least 30 days before
18 the date set for the hearing: ~~the Department shall~~ (i) notify
19 the person charged and the person's designated community
20 association manager, if any, in writing of any charges made
21 and the time and place for a hearing on the charges ~~before the~~
22 ~~Board~~, (ii) direct the person to file a written answer to the
23 charges with the Board under oath within 20 days after the
24 service on the person of such notice, and (iii) inform the
25 person that, if the person fails to file an answer, default

1 will be taken against the person and the license of the person
2 may be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or
3 have other disciplinary action taken with regard to the
4 license, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of
5 the person's ~~related~~ practice, as the Department may deem
6 proper.

7 The Department shall serve notice under this Section by
8 regular or electronic mail to the person's most recent ~~last~~
9 address of record or email address of record as provided to the
10 Department. ~~If the person fails to file an answer after~~
11 ~~receiving notice, the license may, in the discretion of the~~
12 ~~Department, be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary~~
13 ~~status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary~~
14 ~~action deemed proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or~~
15 ~~extent of the person's practice or the imposition of a fine,~~
16 ~~without a hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute~~
17 ~~sufficient grounds for such action under this Act.~~ The answer
18 shall be served by regular mail or electronic mail to the
19 Department. At the time and place fixed in the notice, the
20 Department shall proceed to hear the charges and the parties
21 or their counsel shall be accorded ample opportunity to
22 present such statements, testimony, evidence, and argument as
23 may be pertinent to the charges or to the defense thereto. The
24 Department may continue such hearing from time to time. If the
25 person fails to file an answer after receiving notice, the
26 license may, in the discretion of the Department, be

1 suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status or the
2 Department may take whatever disciplinary action deemed
3 proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the
4 person's practice or the imposition of a fine, without a
5 hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient
6 grounds for such action under this Act.

7 At the discretion of the Secretary after having first
8 received the recommendation of the Board, the person's license
9 may be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status or
10 the Department may take whatever disciplinary action
11 considered proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or
12 extent of the person's practice or the imposition of a fine if
13 the act or acts charged constitute sufficient grounds for that
14 action under this Act. A copy of the Department's final
15 disciplinary order shall be delivered to the person's
16 designated community association manager or may be sent to the
17 community association that directly employs the person.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

19 (225 ILCS 427/120)

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

21 Sec. 120. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Secretary
22 has the authority to appoint any attorney duly licensed to
23 practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing
24 officer in any action for refusal to issue or renew a license,
25 or to discipline a licensee. The hearing officer has full

1 authority to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer shall
2 report the findings and recommendations to the Board and the
3 Secretary. ~~At its next meeting following receipt of the~~
4 ~~report, the Board shall review the report of the hearing~~
5 ~~officer and present its findings of fact, conclusions of law,~~
6 ~~and recommendations to the Secretary.~~

7 The Board shall have 90 days from receipt of the hearing
8 officer's report to review the report of the hearing officer
9 and present the Board's findings of fact, conclusions of law,
10 and recommendations to the Secretary. If the Board fails to
11 present its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and
12 recommendations within the 90-day time period, the Department
13 may request in writing a direct appeal to the Secretary and the
14 Secretary may issue an order based upon the report of the
15 hearing officer and the record of the proceedings or issue an
16 order remanding the matter back to the hearing officer for
17 additional proceedings in accordance with the order. If the
18 Board fails to present its findings of fact, conclusions of
19 law, and recommendations within a 90-day time period after
20 receiving an Order of Default, the Department may request in
21 writing a direct appeal to the Secretary to issue a final
22 order.

23 ~~If the Board fails to present its report within 30~~
24 ~~calendar days following its next meeting after receiving the~~
25 ~~report, the respondent may request in writing a direct appeal~~
26 ~~to the Secretary, in which case the Secretary shall, within 7~~

1 ~~calendar days after the request, issue an order directing the~~
2 ~~Board to issue its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and~~
3 ~~recommendations to the Secretary within 30 calendar days after~~
4 ~~such order.~~

5 ~~If the Board fails to issue its findings of fact,~~
6 ~~conclusions of law, and recommendations within that time frame~~
7 ~~to the Secretary after the entry of such order, the Secretary~~
8 ~~shall, within 30 calendar days thereafter, issue an order~~
9 ~~based upon the report of the hearing officer and the record of~~
10 ~~the proceedings or issue an order remanding the matter back to~~
11 ~~the hearing officer for additional proceedings in accordance~~
12 ~~with the order.~~

13 ~~If (i) a direct appeal is requested, (ii) the Board fails~~
14 ~~to issue its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and~~
15 ~~recommendations within the 30 day mandate from the Secretary~~
16 ~~or the Secretary fails to order the Board to do so, and (iii)~~
17 ~~the Secretary fails to issue an order within 30 calendar days~~
18 ~~thereafter, then the hearing officer's report is deemed~~
19 ~~accepted and a final decision of the Secretary.~~

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if
21 the Secretary, upon review, determines that substantial
22 justice has not been done in the revocation, suspension, or
23 refusal to issue or renew a license or other disciplinary
24 action taken as the result of the entry of the hearing
25 officer's report, the Secretary may order a rehearing by the
26 same or other examiners. If the Secretary disagrees in any

1 regard with the recommendation of the Board or the hearing
2 officer, the Secretary may issue an order in contravention of
3 either recommendation.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 Section 35. The Detection of Deception Examiners Act is
6 amended by changing Sections 3, 8, 8.5, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19,
7 26.1, and 30 as follows:

8 (225 ILCS 430/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 2403)

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

10 Sec. 3. Every examiner shall use an instrument which
11 records permanently and simultaneously the subject's
12 cardiovascular, respiratory and galvanic skin response
13 patterns as minimum standards and shall base the ~~his or her~~
14 evaluation upon changes in such patterns. Such an instrument
15 may record additional physiological patterns pertinent to the
16 detection of deception. The examiner may also consider changes
17 in such additional patterns in making the ~~his or her~~
18 evaluations. An examiner shall, upon written request of a
19 person examined, make known the results of such test to the
20 person examined within 5 days of receipt of the written
21 request.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

23 (225 ILCS 430/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 2409)

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

2 Sec. 8. Applications for original licenses shall be made
3 to the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the
4 Department and shall be accompanied by the required fee, which
5 shall not be returnable. Any such application shall require
6 such information as in the judgment of the Department will
7 enable the Department to pass on the qualifications of the
8 applicant for a license.

9 If an applicant neglects, fails without an approved excuse
10 or refuses to take the next available examination for a
11 license under this Act, the fee paid by the applicant shall be
12 forfeited and the application denied. If an applicant fails to
13 pass an examination for a license under this Act within 3 years
14 after filing an ~~his or her~~ application, the application shall
15 be denied. However, such applicant may thereafter make a new
16 application for examination, accompanied by the required fee.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

18 (225 ILCS 430/8.5)

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

20 Sec. 8.5. Social Security Number or individual tax
21 identification number on license application. In addition to
22 any other information required to be contained in the
23 application, every application for an original license under
24 this Act shall include the applicant's Social Security Number
25 or individual taxpayer identification number, which shall be

1 retained in the agency's records pertaining to the license. As
2 soon as practical, the Department shall assign a customer's
3 identification number to each applicant for a license.

4 Every application for a renewal, reinstated, or restored
5 license shall require the applicant's customer identification
6 number.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-400, eff. 1-1-12.)

8 (225 ILCS 430/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 2412)

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

10 Sec. 11. Qualifications for licensure as an examiner. A
11 person is qualified to receive a license as an examiner:

12 A. Who establishes that the person ~~he or she~~ is a
13 person of good moral character; and

14 B. Who has passed an examination approved by the
15 Department to determine the person's ~~his or her~~ competency
16 to obtain a license to practice as an examiner; and

17 C. Who has been ~~had~~ conferred ~~upon him or her~~ an
18 academic degree, at the baccalaureate level, from an
19 accredited college or university; and

20 D. Who has satisfactorily completed 6 months of study
21 in detection of deception, as prescribed by rule, which
22 shall include, but not be limited to, course content,
23 trainer qualifications, and specialized instructor
24 qualifications.

25 In determining good moral character, the Department may

1 take into consideration conviction of any crime under the laws
2 of the United States or any state or territory thereof that is
3 a felony or a misdemeanor or any crime that is directly related
4 to the practice of the profession.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

6 (225 ILCS 430/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 2414)

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

8 Sec. 13. The expiration date and renewal period for each
9 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. An examiner
10 whose license has expired may reinstate the ~~his or her~~ license
11 at any time within 5 years after the expiration thereof, by
12 making a renewal application therefor ~~therefore~~ and by paying
13 the required fee. However, any examiner whose license expired
14 while the examiner ~~he or she~~ was (1) in Federal Service on
15 active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, or the
16 State Militia called into service or training, or (2) in
17 training or education under the supervision of the United
18 States preliminary to induction into the military service, may
19 have the ~~his or her~~ license renewed, reinstated or restored
20 without paying any lapsed renewal and restoration fees if
21 within 2 years after honorable termination of such service,
22 training, or education except under conditions other than
23 honorable, the examiner ~~he or she~~ furnishes the Department
24 with satisfactory evidence to the effect that the examiner ~~he~~
25 ~~or she~~ has been so engaged and that the examiner's ~~his or her~~

1 service, training, or education has been so terminated.

2 A license or duplicate license must be prominently
3 displayed at the principal place of business of every
4 examiner.

5 Notice in writing shall be given to the Department by such
6 license holder of any change of principal business location
7 whereupon, the Department shall issue a new license for the
8 unexpired period upon payment of the required fee. A change of
9 business location without notification to the Department and
10 without the issuance by it of a new license shall
11 automatically suspend the license theretofore issued.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

13 (225 ILCS 430/14) (from Ch. 111, par. 2415)

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

15 Sec. 14. (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew or
16 may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, or take
17 other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the
18 Department may deem appropriate, including imposing fines not
19 to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, with regard to any
20 license for any one or a combination of the following:

21 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
22 the Department.

23 (2) Violations of this Act, or of the rules adopted
24 under this Act.

25 (3) Conviction by plea of guilty or nolo contendere,

1 finding of guilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or by
2 sentencing of any crime, including, but not limited to,
3 convictions, preceding sentences of supervision,
4 conditional discharge, or first offender probation, under
5 the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States: (i)
6 that is a felony or (ii) that is a misdemeanor, an
7 essential element of which is dishonesty, or that is
8 directly related to the practice of the profession.

9 (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of
10 obtaining licensure or violating any provision of this Act
11 or the rules adopted under this Act pertaining to
12 advertising.

13 (5) Professional incompetence.

14 (6) Allowing one's license under this Act to be used
15 by an unlicensed person in violation of this Act.

16 (7) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
17 this Act or any rule adopted under this Act.

18 (8) Where the license holder has been adjudged
19 mentally ill, mentally deficient or subject to involuntary
20 admission as provided in the Mental Health and
21 Developmental Disabilities Code.

22 (9) Failing, within 60 days, to provide information in
23 response to a written request made by the Department.

24 (10) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
25 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
26 defraud, or harm the public.

1 (11) Inability to practice with reasonable judgment,
2 skill, or safety as a result of habitual or excessive use
3 or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any
4 other chemical agent or drug.

5 (12) Discipline by another state, District of
6 Columbia, territory, or foreign nation, if at least one of
7 the grounds for the discipline is the same or
8 substantially equivalent to those set forth in this
9 Section.

10 (13) A finding by the Department that the licensee,
11 after having his or her license placed on probationary
12 status, has violated the terms of probation.

13 (14) Willfully making or filing false records or
14 reports in his or her practice, including, but not limited
15 to, false records filed with State agencies or
16 departments.

17 (15) Inability to practice the profession with
18 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety as a result of a
19 physical illness, including, but not limited to,
20 deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor
21 skill, or a mental illness or disability.

22 (16) Charging for professional services not rendered,
23 including filing false statements for the collection of
24 fees for which services are not rendered.

25 (17) Practicing under a false or, except as provided
26 by law, an assumed name.

1 (18) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for, or
2 procuring, a license under this Act or in connection with
3 applying for renewal of a license under this Act.

4 (19) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the
5 licensing examination administered under this Act.

6 All fines imposed under this Section shall be paid within
7 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the
8 fine.

9 (b) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend
10 without hearing, as provided for in the Code of Civil
11 Procedure, the license of any person who fails to file a
12 return, or pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed
13 return, or pay any final assessment of the tax, penalty, or
14 interest as required by any tax Act administered by the
15 Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the
16 requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied in accordance
17 with subsection (g) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil
18 Administrative Code of Illinois.

19 (c) (Blank).

20 (d) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family
21 Services has previously determined a licensee or a potential
22 licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of
23 child support and has subsequently certified the delinquency
24 to the Department, the Department may refuse to issue or renew
25 or may revoke or suspend that person's license or may take
26 other disciplinary action against that person based solely

1 upon the certification of delinquency made by the Department
2 of Healthcare and Family Services in accordance with item (5)
3 of subsection (a) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil
4 Administrative Code of Illinois.

5 (e) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee
6 is subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission, as
7 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
8 Code, operates as an automatic suspension. The suspension will
9 end only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no
10 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission
11 and the issuance of an order so finding and discharging the
12 patient.

13 (f) In enforcing this Act, the Department, upon a showing
14 of a possible violation, may compel an individual licensed to
15 practice under this Act, or who has applied for licensure
16 under this Act, to submit to a mental or physical examination,
17 or both, as required by and at the expense of the Department.
18 The Department may order the examining physician to present
19 testimony concerning the mental or physical examination of the
20 licensee or applicant. No information shall be excluded by
21 reason of any common law or statutory privilege relating to
22 communications between the licensee or applicant and the
23 examining physician. The examining physicians shall be
24 specifically designated by the Department. The individual to
25 be examined may have, at the individual's ~~his or her~~ own
26 personal expense, another physician of the individual's ~~his or~~

1 ~~her~~ choice present during all aspects of this examination. The
2 examination shall be performed by a physician licensed to
3 practice medicine in all its branches. Failure of an
4 individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, when
5 directed, shall result in an automatic suspension without
6 hearing.

7 A person holding a license under this Act or who has
8 applied for a license under this Act who, because of a physical
9 or mental illness or disability, including, but not limited
10 to, deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor
11 skill, is unable to practice the profession with reasonable
12 judgment, skill, or safety, may be required by the Department
13 to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians
14 approved or designated by the Department as a condition, term,
15 or restriction for continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure
16 to practice. Submission to care, counseling, or treatment as
17 required by the Department shall not be considered discipline
18 of a license. If the licensee refuses to enter into a care,
19 counseling, or treatment agreement or fails to abide by the
20 terms of the agreement, the Department may file a complaint to
21 revoke, suspend, or otherwise discipline the license of the
22 individual. The Secretary may order the license suspended
23 immediately, pending a hearing by the Department. Fines shall
24 not be assessed in disciplinary actions involving physical or
25 mental illness or impairment.

26 In instances in which the Secretary immediately suspends a

1 person's license under this Section, a hearing on that
2 person's license must be convened by the Department within 15
3 days after the suspension and completed without appreciable
4 delay. The Department shall have the authority to review the
5 subject individual's record of treatment and counseling
6 regarding the impairment to the extent permitted by applicable
7 federal statutes and regulations safeguarding the
8 confidentiality of medical records.

9 An individual licensed under this Act and affected under
10 this Section shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate
11 to the Department that ~~he or she can resume~~ practice may resume
12 in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under
13 the provisions of the ~~his or her~~ license.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-872, eff. 8-14-18.)

15 (225 ILCS 430/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 2418)

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

17 Sec. 17. Investigations; notice and hearing. The
18 Department may investigate the actions of any applicant or any
19 person or persons rendering or offering to render detection of
20 deception services or any person holding or claiming to hold a
21 license as a licensed examiner. The Department shall, before
22 refusing to issue or renew a license or to discipline a
23 licensee under Section 14, at least 30 days prior to the date
24 set for the hearing, (i) notify the accused in writing of the
25 charges made and the time and place for the hearing on the

1 charges, (ii) direct the accused ~~him or her~~ to file a written
2 answer with the Department under oath within 20 days after the
3 service of the notice, and (iii) inform the accused ~~applicant~~
4 ~~or licensee~~ that failure to file an answer will result in
5 default, ~~being taken against the applicant or licensee~~. At the
6 time and place fixed in the notice, the Department shall
7 proceed to hear the charges and the parties or their counsel
8 shall be accorded ample opportunity to present any pertinent
9 statements, testimony, evidence, and arguments. The Department
10 may continue the hearing from time to time. In case the accused
11 ~~person~~, after receiving the notice, fails to file an answer,
12 the ~~his or her~~ license, may, in the discretion of the
13 Department, be revoked, suspended, placed on probationary
14 status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary
15 action considered proper, including limiting the scope,
16 nature, or extent of the accused's ~~person's~~ practice or the
17 imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts
18 charged constitute sufficient grounds for that action under
19 the Act. The written notice may be served by email, by personal
20 delivery, or by mail to the accused's address of record.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

22 (225 ILCS 430/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 2420)

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

24 Sec. 19. Subpoenas; depositions; oaths.

25 (a) The Department may subpoena and bring before it any

1 person to take the oral or written testimony or compel the
2 production of any books, papers, records, or any other
3 documents that the Secretary or Secretary's ~~his or her~~
4 designee deems relevant or material to any investigation or
5 hearing conducted by the Department with the same fees and in
6 the same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the courts of
7 this State.

8 (b) Any circuit court, upon the application of the
9 licensee or the Department, may order the attendance and
10 testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant
11 documents, files, records, books, and papers in connection
12 with any hearing or investigation. The circuit court may
13 compel obedience to its order by proceedings for contempt.

14 (c) The Secretary, the hearing officer, any member of the
15 Board, or a certified shorthand court reporter may administer
16 oaths at any hearing the Department conducts. Notwithstanding
17 any other statute or Department rule to the contrary, all
18 requests for testimony, production of documents, or records
19 shall be in accordance with this Act.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

21 (225 ILCS 430/26.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 2427.1)

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

23 Sec. 26.1. Returned checks; fines. Any person who delivers
24 a check or other payment to the Department that is returned to
25 the Department unpaid by the financial institution upon which

1 it is drawn shall pay to the Department, in addition to the
2 amount already owed to the Department, a fine of \$50. The fines
3 imposed by this Section are in addition to any other
4 discipline provided under this Act for unlicensed practice or
5 practice on a nonrenewed license. The Department shall notify
6 the person that payment of fees and fines shall be paid to the
7 Department by certified check or money order within 30
8 calendar days of the notification. If, after the expiration of
9 30 days from the date of the notification, the person has
10 failed to submit the necessary remittance, the Department
11 shall automatically terminate the license or certificate or
12 deny the application, without hearing. If, after termination
13 or denial, the person seeks a license or certificate, the
14 person ~~he or she~~ shall apply to the Department for restoration
15 or issuance of the license or certificate and pay all fees and
16 fines due to the Department. The Department may establish a
17 fee for the processing of an application for restoration of a
18 license or certificate to pay all expenses of processing this
19 application. The Secretary may waive the fines due under this
20 Section in individual cases where the Secretary finds that the
21 fines would be unreasonable or unnecessarily burdensome.

22 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

23 (225 ILCS 430/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 2431)

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

25 Sec. 30. An applicant who is an examiner ~~Examiner~~,

1 licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the
2 United States, or an examiner who has been trained under the
3 training standards determined by the federal government, may
4 be issued a license by the Department, in its discretion, upon
5 payment of a fee as set by rule, and the production of:

6 (a) satisfactory proof ~~that he or she is~~ of good moral
7 character; and

8 (b) satisfactory proof that the requirements for the
9 licensing of examiner ~~Examiners~~ in such particular state
10 or territory of the United States were, at the date of
11 licensing, substantially equivalent to the requirements
12 then in force in this State; or

13 (c) certification, if applicable, that the applicant
14 has successfully completed the Defense Academy for
15 Credibility Assessment course, or its predecessor or
16 successor course.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-168, eff. 7-22-11.)

18 Section 40. The Home Inspector License Act is amended by
19 changing Sections 1-10, 5-5, 5-12, 5-16, 5-20, 15-10, 15-10.1,
20 15-11, and 15-15 as follows:

21 (225 ILCS 441/1-10)

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

23 Sec. 1-10. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
24 context otherwise requires:

1 "Address of record" means the designated street address,
2 which may not be a post office box, recorded by the Department
3 in the applicant's or licensee's application file or license
4 file as maintained by the Department.

5 "Applicant" means a person who applies to the Department
6 for a license under this Act.

7 "Client" means a person who engages or seeks to engage the
8 services of a home inspector for an inspection assignment.

9 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
10 Professional Regulation.

11 "Email address of record" means the designated email
12 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
13 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained
14 by the Department.

15 "Home inspection" means the examination and evaluation of
16 the exterior and interior components of residential real
17 property, which includes the inspection of any 2 or more of the
18 following components of residential real property in
19 connection with or to facilitate the sale, lease, or other
20 conveyance of, or the proposed sale, lease or other conveyance
21 of, residential real property:

- 22 (1) heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system;
- 23 (2) plumbing system;
- 24 (3) electrical system;
- 25 (4) structural composition;
- 26 (5) foundation;

1 (6) roof;

2 (7) masonry structure; or

3 (8) any other residential real property component as
4 established by rule.

5 "Home inspector" means a person or entity who, for another
6 and for compensation either direct or indirect, performs home
7 inspections.

8 "Home inspector entity" means any corporation,
9 partnership, or limited liability company that provides home
10 inspection services.

11 "Home inspection report" or "inspection report" means a
12 written evaluation prepared and issued by a home inspector
13 upon completion of a home inspection, which meets the
14 standards of practice as established by the Department.

15 "Inspection assignment" means an engagement for which a
16 home inspector is employed or retained to conduct a home
17 inspection and prepare a home inspection report.

18 "License" means the privilege conferred by the Department
19 to a person who has fulfilled all requirements prerequisite to
20 any type of licensure under this Act.

21 "Licensee" means any person licensed under this Act.

22 "Person" means individuals, entities, corporations,
23 limited liability companies, registered limited liability
24 partnerships, and partnerships, foreign or domestic, except
25 that when the context otherwise requires, the term may refer
26 to a single individual or other described entity.

1 "Residential real property" means real property that is
2 used or intended to be used as a residence by one or more
3 individuals.

4 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
5 Professional Regulation or the Secretary's designee.

6 "Standards of practice" means recognized standards to be
7 used in a home inspection, as determined by the Department and
8 established by rule.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22.)

10 (225 ILCS 441/5-5)

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

12 Sec. 5-5. Necessity of license; use of title; exemptions.

13 (a) It is unlawful for any person, including any entity,
14 to act or assume to act as a home inspector, to engage in the
15 business of home inspection, to develop a home inspection
16 report, to practice as a home inspector, or to advertise or
17 hold oneself out to be a home inspector without a home
18 inspector license issued under this Act. A person who violates
19 this subsection is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the
20 first offense and a Class 4 felony for the second and any
21 subsequent offenses.

22 (b) It is unlawful for any person, other than a person who
23 holds a valid home inspector license issued pursuant to this
24 Act, to use the title "home inspector" or any other title,
25 designation, or abbreviation likely to create the impression

1 that the person is licensed as a home inspector pursuant to
2 this Act. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a
3 Class A misdemeanor.

4 (c) The licensing requirements of this Article do not
5 apply to:

6 (1) any person who is employed as a code enforcement
7 official by the State of Illinois or any unit of local
8 government, while acting within the scope of that
9 government employment;

10 (2) any person licensed in this State by any other law
11 who is engaging in the profession or occupation for which
12 the person is licensed; or

13 (3) any person engaged by the owner or lessor of
14 residential real property for the purpose of preparing a
15 bid or estimate as to the work necessary or the costs
16 associated with performing home construction, home
17 remodeling, or home repair work on the residential real
18 property, provided such person does not advertise or hold
19 oneself out as engaged in business as a home inspector.

20 (d) The licensing of home inspector entities required
21 under this Act does not apply to an entity whose ownership
22 structure is one licensed home inspector operating either (1)
23 a sole proprietorship, a single member limited liability
24 company, or a single shareholder corporation, or (2) a limited
25 liability company, corporation, or partnership co-owned solely
26 with the home inspector's unlicensed spouse. and that The home

1 inspector owner or operator shall be ~~is~~ the only licensee
2 ~~licensed home inspector~~ performing inspections on the entity's
3 behalf and the. ~~The licensed home inspector who is the sole~~
4 ~~proprietor, sole shareholder, or single member of the company~~
5 ~~or~~ entity shall comply with all other provisions of this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

7 (225 ILCS 441/5-12)

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

9 Sec. 5-12. Application for home inspector license; entity.
10 Every entity that is not a natural person that desires to
11 obtain a home inspector license shall apply to the Department
12 in a manner prescribed by the Department and accompanied by
13 the required fee.

14 Applicants have 3 years after the date of the application
15 to complete the application process. If the process has not
16 been completed within 3 years, the application shall be
17 denied, the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
18 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

19 A corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or
20 entity shall, as a condition of licensure, designate a
21 managing licensed home inspector. The home inspector entity
22 and the designated managing home inspector of that ~~any home~~
23 ~~inspector~~ entity shall be responsible for the actions of all
24 licensed and unlicensed employees, agents, and representatives
25 of that home inspector entity that provides ~~while it is~~

1 ~~providing~~ a home inspection or home inspection service. All
2 other requirements for home inspector entities shall be
3 established by rule.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 (225 ILCS 441/5-16)

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

7 Sec. 5-16. Renewal of license.

8 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for a home
9 inspector license issued under this Act shall be set by rule.
10 Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c) of
11 this Section, the holder of a license may renew the license
12 within 90 days preceding the expiration date by:

13 (1) completing and submitting to the Department a
14 renewal application in a manner prescribed by the
15 Department;

16 (2) paying the required fees; and

17 (3) providing evidence of successful completion of the
18 continuing education requirements through courses approved
19 by the Department given by education providers licensed by
20 the Department, as established by rule.

21 (b) A home inspector whose license under this Act has
22 expired may renew the license for a period of 2 years following
23 the expiration date by complying with the requirements of
24 subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a) of this
25 Section and paying any late fees ~~penalties~~ established by

1 rule.

2 (b-5) A home inspector whose license has been lapsed or
3 expired for more than 2 years but less than 5 years may restore
4 the license without examination by (i) applying to the
5 Department, (ii) providing evidence of the successful
6 completion of all hours of approved continuing education
7 during the lapsed time periods prior to the date of the
8 application, (iii) paying the required fees, and (iv)
9 satisfying any other requirements as established by rule. A
10 home inspector whose license has been expired for more than 5
11 years shall be required to meet the requirements of a new
12 license.

13 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a home inspector whose
14 license under this Act has expired may renew or restore the
15 license without paying any lapsed renewal fees or late
16 penalties and without completing the continuing education
17 requirements for that licensure period if the license expired
18 while the home inspector was (i) in federal service on active
19 duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or called into
20 service or training with the State Militia, (ii) in training
21 or education under the supervision of the United States
22 preliminary to induction into the military service, or (iii)
23 serving as an employee of the Department and within 2 years
24 after the termination of the service, training, or education,
25 the licensee furnishes the Department with satisfactory
26 evidence of service, training, or education and was terminated

1 under honorable conditions.

2 (d) The Department shall provide reasonable care and due
3 diligence to ensure that each licensee under this Act is
4 provided a renewal application at least 90 days prior to the
5 expiration date, but it is the responsibility of each licensee
6 to renew the license prior to its expiration date.

7 (e) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
8 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or fee from a
9 disciplinary matter or from a non-disciplinary action imposed
10 by the Department until the fine or fee is paid to the
11 Department or the applicant or licensee has entered into a
12 payment plan and is current on the required payments.

13 (f) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
14 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or civil penalty
15 imposed by the Department for unlicensed practice until the
16 fine or civil penalty is paid to the Department or the
17 applicant or licensee has entered into a payment plan and is
18 current on the required payments.

19 (g) A home inspector who notifies the Department, in a
20 manner prescribed by the Department, may place the license on
21 inactive status for a period not to exceed 2 years and shall be
22 excused from the payment of renewal fees until the person
23 notifies the Department in writing of the intention to resume
24 active practice.

25 (h) A home inspector requesting that the license be
26 changed from inactive to active status shall be required to

1 pay the current renewal fee and shall also demonstrate
2 compliance with the continuing education requirements.

3 (i) No licensee with a nonrenewed or inactive license
4 status shall provide home inspection services as set forth in
5 this Act.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22;
7 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

8 (225 ILCS 441/5-20)

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

10 Sec. 5-20. Endorsement. The Department may, in its
11 discretion, license as a home inspector, by endorsement, on
12 payment of the required fee, and without the required
13 examination, an applicant who is a home inspector licensed
14 under the laws of another state or territory, if ~~(i)~~ the
15 requirements for licensure in the state or territory in which
16 the applicant was licensed were, at the date of licensure,
17 substantially equivalent to the requirements in force in this
18 State on that date. ~~or (ii) there were no requirements in force~~
19 ~~in this State on the date of licensure and the applicant~~
20 ~~possessed individual qualifications on that date that are~~
21 ~~substantially similar to the requirements under this Act.~~ The
22 Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement this
23 Section.

24 Applicants have 3 years after the date of application to
25 complete the application process. If the process has not been

1 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the
2 fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the
3 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

5 (225 ILCS 441/15-10)

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

7 Sec. 15-10. Grounds for disciplinary action.

8 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may
9 revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, or take other
10 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may
11 deem appropriate, including imposing fines not to exceed
12 \$25,000 for each violation upon any licensee or applicant
13 under this Act or any person or entity who holds oneself out as
14 an applicant or licensee_L for any one or combination of the
15 following:

16 (1) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for_T or
17 procuring a license under this Act or in connection with
18 applying for renewal of a license under this Act.

19 (2) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications for
20 licensure as a home inspector established by this Act.

21 (3) Paying money, other than for the fees provided for
22 by this Act, or anything of value to an employee of the
23 Department to procure licensure under this Act.

24 (4) Conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo
25 contendere, or finding as enumerated in subsection (c) of

1 Section 5-10, under the laws of any jurisdiction of the
2 United States: (i) that is a felony, misdemeanor, or
3 administrative sanction, or (ii) that is a crime that
4 subjects the licensee to compliance with the requirements
5 of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

6 (5) Committing an act or omission involving
7 dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation with the intent to
8 substantially benefit the licensee or another person or
9 with the intent to substantially injure another person.

10 (6) Violating a provision or standard for the
11 development or communication of home inspections as
12 provided in Section 10-5 of this Act or as defined in the
13 rules.

14 (7) Failing or refusing to exercise reasonable
15 diligence in the development, reporting, or communication
16 of a home inspection report, as defined by this Act or the
17 rules.

18 (8) Violating a provision of this Act or the rules.

19 (9) Having been disciplined by another state, the
20 District of Columbia, a territory, a foreign nation, a
21 governmental agency, or any other entity authorized to
22 impose discipline if at least one of the grounds for that
23 discipline is the same as or substantially equivalent to
24 one of the grounds for which a licensee may be disciplined
25 under this Act.

26 (10) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or

1 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
2 defraud, or harm the public.

3 (11) Accepting an inspection assignment when the
4 employment itself is contingent upon the home inspector
5 reporting a predetermined analysis or opinion, or when the
6 fee to be paid is contingent upon the analysis, opinion,
7 or conclusion reached or upon the consequences resulting
8 from the home inspection assignment.

9 (12) Developing home inspection opinions or
10 conclusions based on the race, color, religion, sex,
11 national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, family
12 status, physical or mental disability, military status,
13 unfavorable discharge from military status, sexual
14 orientation, order of protection status, pregnancy, or any
15 other protected class as defined under the Illinois Human
16 Rights Act, of the prospective or present owners or
17 occupants of the area or property under home inspection.

18 (13) Being adjudicated liable in a civil proceeding on
19 grounds of fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit. In a
20 disciplinary proceeding based upon a finding of civil
21 liability, the home inspector shall be afforded an
22 opportunity to present mitigating and extenuating
23 circumstances, but may not collaterally attack the civil
24 adjudication.

25 (14) Being adjudicated liable in a civil proceeding
26 for violation of a State or federal fair housing law.

1 (15) Engaging in misleading or untruthful advertising
2 or using a trade name or insignia of membership in a home
3 inspection organization of which the licensee is not a
4 member.

5 (16) Failing, within 30 days, to provide information
6 in response to a written request made by the Department.

7 (17) Failing to include within the home inspection
8 report the home inspector's license number and the date of
9 expiration of the license. The names of (i) all persons
10 who conducted the home inspection; and (ii) all persons
11 who prepared the subsequent written evaluation or any part
12 thereof must be disclosed in the report. It is a violation
13 of this Act for a home inspector to sign a home inspection
14 report knowing that the names of all such persons have not
15 been disclosed in the home inspection report.

16 (18) Advising a client as to whether the client should
17 or should not engage in a transaction regarding the
18 residential real property that is the subject of the home
19 inspection.

20 (19) Performing a home inspection in a manner that
21 damages or alters the residential real property that is
22 the subject of the home inspection without the consent of
23 the owner.

24 (20) Performing a home inspection when the home
25 inspector is providing or may also provide other services
26 in connection with the residential real property or

1 transaction, or has an interest in the residential real
2 property, without providing prior written notice of the
3 potential or actual conflict and obtaining the prior
4 consent of the client as provided by rule.

5 (21) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
6 any provision of this Act or rules adopted under this Act.

7 (22) Inability to practice with reasonable judgment,
8 skill, or safety as a result of habitual or excessive use
9 or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any
10 other chemical agent or drug, which may result in
11 significant harm to the public.

12 (23) A finding by the Department that the licensee,
13 after having the license placed on probationary status,
14 has violated the terms of probation.

15 (24) Willfully making or filing false records or
16 reports related to the practice of home inspection,
17 including, but not limited to, false records filed with
18 State agencies or departments.

19 (25) Charging for professional services not rendered,
20 including filing false statements for the collection of
21 fees for which services are not rendered.

22 (26) Practicing under a false or, except as provided
23 by law, an assumed name.

24 (27) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the
25 licensing examination administered under this Act.

26 (28) Engaging in any of the following prohibited

1 fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading advertising
2 practices:

3 (i) advertising as a home inspector or operating a
4 home inspection business entity unless there is a duly
5 licensed home inspector responsible for all inspection
6 activities and all inspections;

7 (ii) advertising that contains a misrepresentation
8 of facts or false statements regarding the licensee's
9 professional achievements, degrees, training, skills,
10 or qualifications in the home inspection profession or
11 any other profession requiring licensure;

12 (iii) advertising that makes only a partial
13 disclosure of relevant facts related to pricing or
14 home inspection services; and

15 (iv) advertising that claims this State or any of
16 its political subdivisions endorse the home inspection
17 report or its contents.

18 (29) Disclosing, except as otherwise required by law,
19 inspection results or client information obtained without
20 the client's written consent. A home inspector shall not
21 deliver a home inspection report to any person other than
22 the client of the home inspector without the client's
23 written consent.

24 (30) Providing fees, gifts, waivers of liability, or
25 other forms of compensation or gratuities to persons
26 licensed under any real estate professional licensing Act

1 ~~act~~ in this State as consideration or inducement for the
2 referral of business.

3 (31) Violating the terms of any order issued by the
4 Department.

5 (b) The Department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue
6 or renew an education provider's license, may reprimand, place
7 on probation, or otherwise discipline an education provider
8 licensee, and may suspend or revoke the course approval of any
9 course offered by an education provider, for any of the
10 following:

11 (1) Procuring or attempting to procure licensure by
12 knowingly making a false statement, submitting false
13 information, making any form of fraud or
14 misrepresentation, or refusing to provide complete
15 information in response to a question in an application
16 for licensure.

17 (2) Failing to comply with the covenants certified to
18 on the application for licensure as an education provider.

19 (3) Committing an act or omission involving
20 dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation or allowing any
21 such act or omission by any employee or contractor under
22 the control of the education provider.

23 (4) Engaging in misleading or untruthful advertising.

24 (5) Failing to retain competent instructors in
25 accordance with rules adopted under this Act.

26 (6) Failing to meet the topic or time requirements for

1 course approval as the provider of a pre-license
2 curriculum course or a continuing education course.

3 (7) Failing to administer an approved course using the
4 course materials, syllabus, and examinations submitted as
5 the basis of the course approval.

6 (8) Failing to provide an appropriate classroom
7 environment for presentation of courses, with
8 consideration for student comfort, acoustics, lighting,
9 seating, workspace, and visual aid material.

10 (9) Failing to maintain student records in compliance
11 with the rules adopted under this Act.

12 (10) Failing to provide a certificate, transcript, or
13 other student record to the Department or to a student as
14 may be required by rule.

15 (11) Failing to fully cooperate with a Department
16 investigation by knowingly making a false statement,
17 submitting false or misleading information, or refusing to
18 provide complete information in response to written
19 interrogatories or a written request for documentation
20 within 30 days of the request.

21 (c) (Blank).

22 (d) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend
23 without hearing, as provided for in the Code of Civil
24 Procedure, the license of any person who fails to file a tax
25 return, to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed
26 tax return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or

1 interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the
2 Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the
3 requirements of the tax Act are satisfied in accordance with
4 subsection (g) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil Administrative
5 Code of Illinois.

6 (e) (Blank).

7 (f) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family
8 Services has previously determined that a licensee or a
9 potential licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the
10 payment of child support and has subsequently certified the
11 delinquency to the Department, the Department may refuse to
12 issue or renew or may revoke or suspend that person's license
13 or may take other disciplinary action against that person
14 based solely upon the certification of delinquency made by the
15 Department of Healthcare and Family Services in accordance
16 with item (5) of subsection (a) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil
17 Administrative Code of Illinois.

18 (g) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee
19 is subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission, as
20 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
21 Code, operates as an automatic suspension. The suspension will
22 end only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no
23 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission
24 and the issuance of a court order so finding and discharging
25 the patient.

26 (h) (Blank).

1 (i) In accordance with subsection (g-5) of Section 2105-15
2 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Department
3 may refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke,
4 without a hearing, the license of any person or entity who
5 fails to pay, perform, or secure workers' compensation
6 obligations as determined by and based solely upon the
7 certification of the Department of Insurance or the Illinois
8 Workers' Compensation Commission.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24;
10 revised 6-25-25.)

11 (225 ILCS 441/15-10.1)

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

13 Sec. 15-10.1. Citations.

14 (a) The Department may adopt rules to permit the issuance
15 of citations to any licensee for failure to comply with the
16 continuing education requirements set forth in this Act or as
17 established by rule. The citation shall be issued to the
18 licensee and shall contain the licensee's name, the licensee's
19 address, the licensee's license number, the number of required
20 hours of continuing education that have not been successfully
21 completed on or before ~~by the licensee's licensee within the~~
22 renewal deadline ~~period~~, and the penalty imposed, which shall
23 not exceed \$2,000. The issuance of a citation shall not excuse
24 the licensee from completing all continuing education required
25 for that term of licensure ~~renewal period~~.

1 (b) Service of a citation shall be made in person,
2 electronically, or by mail to the licensee at the licensee's
3 address of record or email address of record, and the citation
4 must clearly state that if the cited licensee wishes to
5 dispute the citation, the cited licensee may make a written
6 request, within 30 days after the citation is served, for a
7 hearing before the Department. If the cited licensee does not
8 request a hearing within 30 days after the citation is served,
9 then ~~the citation shall become~~ a final, non-disciplinary order
10 shall be entered, and any fine imposed is due and payable
11 within 30 ~~60~~ days after the entry of that final order. If the
12 cited licensee requests a hearing within 30 days after the
13 citation is served, the Department shall afford the cited
14 licensee a hearing conducted in the same manner as a hearing
15 provided for in this Act for any violation of this Act and
16 shall determine whether the cited licensee committed the
17 violation as charged and whether the fine as levied is
18 warranted. If the violation is found, any fine shall
19 constitute non-public discipline and be due and payable within
20 30 days after the order of the Secretary, which shall
21 constitute a final order of the Department. No change in
22 license status may be made by the Department until a final
23 order of the Department has been issued.

24 (c) Payment of a fine that has been assessed pursuant to
25 this Section shall not constitute disciplinary action
26 reportable on the Department's website or elsewhere unless a

1 licensee has previously received 2 or more citations and been
2 assessed 2 or more fines.

3 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the
4 Department from taking further action pursuant to this Act and
5 rules for additional, repeated, or continuing violations.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

7 (225 ILCS 441/15-11)

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

9 Sec. 15-11. Illegal discrimination.

10 (a) When there has been an adjudication in a civil or
11 criminal proceeding that a licensee has illegally
12 discriminated while engaged in any activity for which a
13 license is required under this Act, the Department, following
14 the provision of notice to the licensee and a hearing
15 conducted in accordance with Section 15-15 and upon the
16 determination by the Secretary as to the extent of the
17 suspension or revocation, shall suspend or revoke the license
18 of that licensee in a timely manner, unless the adjudication
19 is in the appeal process. The finding or judgment of the civil
20 or criminal proceeding is a matter of record and the merits of
21 the finding or judgment shall not be challenged in a request
22 for a hearing by the licensee.

23 (b) When there has been an order in an administrative
24 proceeding finding that a licensee has illegally discriminated
25 while engaged in any activity for which a license is required

1 under this Act, the Department, following the provision of
2 notice to the licensee and a hearing conducted in accordance
3 with Section 15-15 and upon the determination by the Secretary
4 as to the nature and extent of the discipline, shall take one
5 or more of the disciplinary actions provided for in Section
6 15-10 of this Act in a timely manner, unless the
7 administrative order is in the appeal process. The finding of
8 the administrative order is a matter of record and the merits
9 of the finding shall not be challenged in a request for a
10 hearing by the licensee.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-970, eff. 5-27-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

12 (225 ILCS 441/15-15)

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

14 Sec. 15-15. Investigation; notice; hearing. The Department
15 may investigate the actions of any person who is an applicant,
16 licensee, person or persons rendering or offering to render
17 home inspection services, or any person holding or claiming to
18 hold a license as a home inspector. The Department shall,
19 before refusing to issue or renew a license or to discipline a
20 person pursuant to Section 15-10, at least 30 days prior to the
21 date set for the hearing, (i) notify the person charged in
22 writing and the person's managing licensed home inspector, if
23 any, of the charges made and the time and place for the hearing
24 on the charges, (ii) direct the person to file a written answer
25 with the Department under oath within 20 days after the

1 service of the notice, and (iii) inform the person that
2 failure to file an answer will result in a default entered
3 against the person. At the time and place fixed in the notice,
4 the Department shall proceed to hear the charges and the
5 parties or ~~of~~ their counsel shall be accorded ample
6 opportunity to present any pertinent statements, testimony,
7 evidence, and arguments. The Department may continue the
8 hearing from time to time. In case the person, after receiving
9 the notice, fails to file an answer, the license~~r~~ may, in the
10 discretion of the Department, be revoked, suspended, placed on
11 probationary status, or the Department may take whatever
12 disciplinary actions considered proper, including limiting the
13 scope, nature, or extent of the person's practice or the
14 imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts
15 charged constitute sufficient grounds for that action under
16 the Act. The notice may be served by mail, or, at the
17 discretion of the Department, by electronic means to the
18 address of record or email address of record specified by the
19 person as last updated with the Department.

20 The Secretary shall have the authority to appoint an
21 attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of
22 Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in any action to
23 suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by
24 the Department. The hearing officer shall have full authority
25 to conduct the hearing.

26 A copy of the hearing officer's report or any Order of

1 Default, along with a copy of the original or amended
2 complaint giving rise to the action, shall be served upon the
3 person by the Department in the manner provided in this Act for
4 the service of a notice of hearing. Within 20 days after
5 service, the person may present to the Department a motion in
6 writing for a rehearing, which shall specify the particular
7 grounds for rehearing. If the person orders from the reporting
8 service and pays for a transcript of the record within the time
9 for filing a motion for rehearing, then the 20-day period
10 during which a motion may be filed shall commence upon the
11 delivery of the transcript to the applicant or licensee. The
12 Department may respond to the motion, or if a motion for
13 rehearing is denied, then upon denial, the Secretary may enter
14 an order in accordance with the recommendations of the hearing
15 officer. If the Secretary disagrees in any regard with the
16 report of the hearing officer, the Secretary may issue an
17 order in contravention thereof. A copy of the Department's
18 final disciplinary order shall be delivered to the person and
19 the person's managing home inspector, if any.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

21 Section 45. The Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of
22 2002 is amended by changing Sections 1-10, 5-25, 5-30, 15-10,
23 15-10.1, 15-11, 15-15, and 25-10 as follows:

24 (225 ILCS 458/1-10)

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

2 Sec. 1-10. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
3 context otherwise requires:

4 "Accredited college or university, junior college, or
5 community college" means a college or university, junior
6 college, or community college that is approved or accredited
7 by the Board of Higher Education, a regional or national
8 accreditation association, or by an accrediting agency that is
9 recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

10 "Address of record" means the designated street address,
11 which may not be a post office box, recorded by the Department
12 in the applicant's or licensee's application file or license
13 file as maintained by the Department.

14 "Applicant" means a person who applies to the Department
15 for a license under this Act.

16 "Appraisal" means (noun) the act or process of developing
17 an opinion of value; an opinion of value (adjective) of or
18 pertaining to appraising and related functions, such as
19 appraisal practice or appraisal services.

20 "Appraisal assignment" means a valuation service provided
21 pursuant to an agreement between an appraiser and a client.

22 "Appraisal firm" means an appraisal entity that is 100%
23 owned and controlled by a person or persons licensed in
24 Illinois as a certified general real estate appraiser or a
25 certified residential real estate appraiser. "Appraisal firm"
26 does not include an appraisal management company.

1 "Appraisal management company" means any corporation,
2 limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship,
3 subsidiary, unit, or other business entity that directly or
4 indirectly: (1) provides appraisal management services to
5 creditors or secondary mortgage market participants, including
6 affiliates; (2) provides appraisal management services in
7 connection with valuing the consumer's principal dwelling as
8 security for a consumer credit transaction (including consumer
9 credit transactions incorporated into securitizations); and
10 (3) any appraisal management company that, within a given
11 12-month period, oversees an appraiser panel of 16 or more
12 State-certified appraisers in Illinois or 25 or more
13 State-certified or State-licensed appraisers in 2 or more
14 jurisdictions. "Appraisal management company" includes a
15 hybrid entity.

16 "Appraisal practice" means valuation services performed by
17 an individual acting as an appraiser, including, but not
18 limited to, appraisal or appraisal review.

19 "Appraisal qualification board (AQB)" means the
20 independent board of the Appraisal Foundation, which, under
21 the provisions of Title XI of the Financial Institutions
22 Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, establishes the
23 minimum education, experience, and examination requirements
24 for real property appraisers to obtain a state certification
25 or license.

26 "Appraisal report" means any communication, written or

1 oral, of an appraisal or appraisal review that is transmitted
2 to a client upon completion of an assignment.

3 "Appraisal review" means the act or process of developing
4 and communicating an opinion about the quality of another
5 appraiser's work that was performed as part of an appraisal,
6 appraisal review, or appraisal assignment.

7 "Appraisal Subcommittee" means the Appraisal Subcommittee
8 of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council as
9 established by Title XI.

10 "Appraiser" means a person who performs real estate or
11 real property appraisals competently and in a manner that is
12 independent, impartial, and objective.

13 "Appraiser panel" means a network, list, or roster of
14 licensed or certified appraisers approved by the appraisal
15 management company or by the ~~end-user~~ client to perform
16 appraisals as independent contractors for the appraisal
17 management company. "Appraiser panel" includes both appraisers
18 accepted by an appraisal management company for consideration
19 for future appraisal assignments and appraisers engaged by an
20 appraisal management company to perform one or more
21 appraisals. For the purposes of determining the size of an
22 appraiser panel, only independent contractors of hybrid
23 entities shall be counted towards the appraiser panel.

24 "Associate real estate trainee appraiser" means an
25 entry-level appraiser who holds a license of this
26 classification under this Act with restrictions as to the

1 scope of practice in accordance with this Act.

2 "Automated valuation model" means an automated system that
3 is used to derive a property value through the use of available
4 property records and various analytic methodologies such as
5 comparable sales prices, home characteristics, and price
6 changes.

7 "Board" means the Real Estate Appraisal Administration and
8 Disciplinary Board.

9 "Broker price opinion" means an estimate or analysis of
10 the probable selling price of a particular interest in real
11 estate, which may provide a varying level of detail about the
12 property's condition, market, and neighborhood and information
13 on comparable sales. The activities of a real estate broker or
14 managing broker engaging in the ordinary course of business as
15 a broker, as defined in this Section, shall not be considered a
16 broker price opinion if no compensation is paid to the broker
17 or managing broker, other than compensation based upon the
18 sale or rental of real estate.

19 "Classroom hour" means 50 minutes of instruction out of
20 each 60-minute segment of coursework.

21 "Client" means the party or parties who engage an
22 appraiser by employment or contract in a specific appraisal
23 assignment.

24 "Comparative market analysis" is an analysis or opinion
25 regarding pricing, marketing, or financial aspects relating to
26 a specified interest or interests in real estate that may be

1 based upon an analysis of comparative market data, the
2 expertise of the real estate broker or managing broker, and
3 such other factors as the broker or managing broker may deem
4 appropriate in developing or preparing such analysis or
5 opinion. The activities of a real estate broker or managing
6 broker engaging in the ordinary course of business as a
7 broker, as defined in this Section, shall not be considered a
8 comparative market analysis if no compensation is paid to the
9 broker or managing broker, other than compensation based upon
10 the sale or rental of real estate.

11 "Coordinator" means the Real Estate Appraisal Coordinator
12 created in Section 25-15.

13 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
14 Professional Regulation.

15 "Email address of record" means the designated email
16 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
17 application file or the licensee's license file maintained by
18 the Department.

19 "Evaluation" means a valuation permitted by the appraisal
20 regulations of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination
21 Council and its federal agencies for transactions that qualify
22 for the appraisal threshold exemption, business loan
23 exemption, or subsequent transaction exemption.

24 "Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies" means
25 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the
26 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the

1 Comptroller of the Currency, the Consumer Financial Protection
2 Bureau, and the National Credit Union Administration.

3 "Federally related transaction" means any real
4 estate-related financial transaction in which a federal
5 financial institutions regulatory agency engages in, contracts
6 for, or regulates and requires the services of an appraiser.

7 "Financial institution" means any bank, savings bank,
8 savings and loan association, credit union, mortgage broker,
9 mortgage banker, licensee under the Consumer Installment Loan
10 Act or the Sales Finance Agency Act, or a corporate fiduciary,
11 subsidiary, affiliate, parent company, or holding company of
12 any such licensee, or any institution involved in real estate
13 financing that is regulated by state or federal law.

14 "Hybrid entity" means an appraisal management company that
15 hires an appraiser as an employee to perform an appraisal and
16 engages an independent contractor to perform an appraisal.

17 "License" means the privilege conferred by the Department
18 to a person that has fulfilled all requirements prerequisite
19 to any type of licensure under this Act.

20 "Licensee" means any person licensed under this Act.

21 "Multi-state licensing system" means a web-based platform
22 that allows an applicant to submit the application or license
23 renewal application to the Department online.

24 "Person" means an individual, entity, sole proprietorship,
25 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, and joint
26 venture, foreign or domestic, except that when the context

1 otherwise requires, the term may refer to more than one
2 individual or other described entity.

3 "Real estate" means an identified parcel or tract of land,
4 including any improvements.

5 "Real estate related financial transaction" means any
6 transaction involving:

7 (1) the sale, lease, purchase, investment in, or
8 exchange of real property, including interests in property
9 or the financing thereof;

10 (2) the refinancing of real property or interests in
11 real property; and

12 (3) the use of real property or interest in property
13 as security for a loan or investment, including mortgage
14 backed securities.

15 "Real property" means the interests, benefits, and rights
16 inherent in the ownership of real estate.

17 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
18 Professional Regulation or the Secretary's designee.

19 "State certified general real estate appraiser" means an
20 appraiser who holds a license of this classification under
21 this Act and such classification applies to the appraisal of
22 all types of real property without restrictions as to the
23 scope of practice.

24 "State certified residential real estate appraiser" means
25 an appraiser who holds a license of this classification under
26 this Act and such classification applies to the appraisal of

1 one to 4 units of residential real property without regard to
2 transaction value or complexity, but with restrictions as to
3 the scope of practice in a federally related transaction in
4 accordance with Title XI, the provisions of USPAP, criteria
5 established by the AQB, and further defined by rule.

6 "Supervising appraiser" means either (i) an appraiser who
7 holds a valid license under this Act as either a State
8 certified general real estate appraiser or a State certified
9 residential real estate appraiser, who co-signs an appraisal
10 report for an associate real estate trainee appraiser or (ii)
11 a State certified general real estate appraiser who holds a
12 valid license under this Act who co-signs an appraisal report
13 for a State certified residential real estate appraiser on
14 properties other than one to 4 units of residential real
15 property without regard to transaction value or complexity.

16 "Title XI" means Title XI of the federal Financial
17 Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989.

18 "USPAP" means the Uniform Standards of Professional
19 Appraisal Practice as promulgated by the Appraisal Standards
20 Board pursuant to Title XI and by rule.

21 "Valuation services" means services pertaining to aspects
22 of property value.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21;
24 102-970, eff. 5-27-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

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

2 Sec. 5-25. Renewal of license.

3 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for a State
4 certified general real estate appraiser license or a State
5 certified residential real estate appraiser license issued
6 under this Act shall be set by rule. Except as otherwise
7 provided in subsections (b) and (f) of this Section, the
8 holder of a license may renew the license within 90 days
9 preceding the expiration date by:

10 (1) completing and submitting to the Department, or
11 through a multi-state licensing system as designated by
12 the Secretary, a renewal application form as provided by
13 the Department;

14 (2) paying the required fees; and

15 (3) providing evidence to the Department, or through a
16 multi-state licensing system as designated by the
17 Secretary, of successful completion of the continuing
18 education requirements through courses approved by the
19 Department from education providers licensed by the
20 Department, as established by the AQB and by rule.

21 (b) A State certified general real estate appraiser or
22 State certified residential real estate appraiser whose
23 license under this Act has expired may renew the license for a
24 period of 2 years following the expiration date by complying
25 with the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of
26 subsection (a) of this Section and paying any late penalties

1 established by rule.

2 (c) (Blank).

3 (d) The expiration date and renewal period for an
4 associate real estate trainee appraiser license issued under
5 this Act shall be set by rule. Except as otherwise provided in
6 subsections (e) and (f) of this Section, the holder of an
7 associate real estate trainee appraiser license may renew the
8 license within 90 days preceding the expiration date by:

9 (1) completing and submitting to the Department, or
10 through a multi-state licensing system as designated by
11 the Secretary, a renewal application form as provided by
12 the Department;

13 (2) paying the required fees; and

14 (3) providing evidence to the Department, or through a
15 multi-state licensing system as designated by the
16 Secretary, of successful completion of the continuing
17 education requirements through courses approved by the
18 Department from education providers approved by the
19 Department, as established by rule.

20 (e) Any associate real estate trainee appraiser whose
21 license under this Act has expired may renew the license for a
22 period of 2 years following the expiration date by complying
23 with the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of
24 subsection (d) of this Section and paying any late penalties
25 as established by rule.

26 (f) Notwithstanding subsections (b) ~~(e)~~ and (e), an

1 appraiser whose license under this Act has expired may renew
2 or convert the license without paying any lapsed renewal fees
3 or late penalties if the license expired while the appraiser
4 was:

5 (1) on active duty with the United States Armed
6 Services;

7 (2) serving as the Coordinator or an employee of the
8 Department who was required to surrender the license
9 during the term of employment.

10 Application for renewal must be made within 2 years
11 following the termination of the military service or related
12 education, training, or employment and shall include an
13 affidavit from the licensee of engagement.

14 (g) The Department shall provide reasonable care and due
15 diligence to ensure that each licensee under this Act is
16 provided with a renewal application at least 90 days prior to
17 the expiration date, but timely renewal or conversion of the
18 license prior to its expiration date is the responsibility of
19 the licensee.

20 (h) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if
21 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or fee from a
22 disciplinary matter or from a non-disciplinary action imposed
23 by the Department until the fine or fee is paid to the
24 Department or the applicant or licensee has entered into a
25 payment plan and is current on the required payments.

26 (i) The Department shall not issue or renew a license if

1 the applicant or licensee has an unpaid fine or civil penalty
2 imposed by the Department for unlicensed practice until the
3 fine or civil penalty is paid to the Department or the
4 applicant or licensee has entered into a payment plan and is
5 current on the required payments.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22;
7 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

8 (225 ILCS 458/5-30)

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

10 Sec. 5-30. Endorsement. The Department may issue an
11 appraiser license, without the required examination, to an
12 applicant licensed by another state, territory, possession of
13 the United States, or the District of Columbia, if (i) the
14 licensing requirements of that licensing authority are, on the
15 date of licensure, substantially equal to the requirements set
16 forth under this Act or to a person who, at the time of the
17 application, possessed individual qualifications that were
18 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act and
19 ~~or~~ (ii) the applicant provides the Department with evidence of
20 good standing from the Appraisal Subcommittee National
21 Registry report and a criminal history records check in
22 accordance with Section 5-22. An applicant under this Section
23 shall pay all of the required fees.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

1 (225 ILCS 458/15-10)

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

3 Sec. 15-10. Grounds for disciplinary action.

4 (a) The Department may suspend, revoke, refuse to issue,
5 renew, or restore a license and may reprimand, place on
6 probation or administrative supervision, or take any
7 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action, including imposing
8 conditions limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the real
9 estate appraisal practice of a licensee or reducing the
10 appraisal rank of a licensee, and may impose an administrative
11 fine not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation upon a licensee
12 or applicant under this Act or any person who holds oneself out
13 as an applicant or licensee for any one or combination of the
14 following:

15 (1) Procuring or attempting to procure a license by
16 knowingly making a false statement, submitting false
17 information, engaging in any form of fraud or
18 misrepresentation, or refusing to provide complete
19 information in response to a question in an application
20 for licensure.

21 (2) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications for
22 licensure as an appraiser established by this Act.

23 (3) Paying money, other than for the fees provided for
24 by this Act, or anything of value to a member or employee
25 of the Board or the Department to procure licensure under
26 this Act.

1 (4) Conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo
2 contendere, as enumerated in subsection (e) of Section
3 5-22, under the laws of any jurisdiction of the United
4 States to: (i) ~~that is~~ a felony, misdemeanor, or
5 administrative sanction or (ii) ~~that is~~ a crime that
6 subjects the licensee to compliance with the requirements
7 of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

8 (5) Committing an act or omission involving
9 dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation with the intent to
10 substantially benefit the licensee or another person or
11 with intent to substantially injure another person as
12 defined by rule.

13 (6) Violating a provision or standard for the
14 development or communication of real estate appraisals as
15 provided in Section 10-10 of this Act or as defined by
16 rule.

17 (7) Failing or refusing without good cause to exercise
18 reasonable diligence in developing, reporting, or
19 communicating an appraisal, as defined by this Act or by
20 rule.

21 (8) Violating a provision of this Act or the rules
22 adopted pursuant to this Act.

23 (9) Having been disciplined by another state, the
24 District of Columbia, a territory, a foreign nation, a
25 governmental agency, or any other entity authorized to
26 impose discipline if at least one of the grounds for that

1 discipline is the same as or the equivalent of one of the
2 grounds for which a licensee may be disciplined under this
3 Act.

4 (10) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
5 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
6 defraud, or harm the public.

7 (11) Accepting an appraisal assignment when the
8 employment itself is contingent upon the appraiser
9 reporting a predetermined estimate, analysis, or opinion
10 or when the fee to be paid is contingent upon the opinion,
11 conclusion, or valuation reached or upon the consequences
12 resulting from the appraisal assignment.

13 (12) Developing valuation conclusions based on the
14 race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry,
15 age, marital status, family status, physical or mental
16 disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, order of
17 protection status, military status, unfavorable military
18 discharge, source of income, or any other protected class,
19 as defined under the Illinois Human Rights Act, of the
20 prospective or present owners or occupants of the area or
21 property under appraisal.

22 (13) Violating the confidential nature of government
23 records to which the licensee gained access through
24 employment or engagement as an appraiser by a governmental
25 ~~government~~ agency.

26 (14) Being adjudicated liable in a civil proceeding on

1 grounds of fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit. In a
2 disciplinary proceeding based upon a finding of civil
3 liability, the appraiser shall be afforded an opportunity
4 to present mitigating and extenuating circumstances, but
5 may not collaterally attack the civil adjudication.

6 (15) Being adjudicated liable in a civil proceeding
7 for violation of a state or federal fair housing law.

8 (16) Engaging in misleading or untruthful advertising
9 or using a trade name or insignia of membership in a real
10 estate appraisal or real estate organization of which the
11 licensee is not a member.

12 (17) Failing to fully cooperate with a Department
13 investigation by knowingly making a false statement,
14 submitting false or misleading information, or refusing to
15 provide complete information in response to written
16 interrogatories or a written request for documentation
17 within 30 days of the request.

18 (18) Failing to include within the certificate of
19 appraisal for all written appraisal reports the
20 appraiser's license number and licensure title. All
21 appraisers providing significant contribution to the
22 development and reporting of an appraisal must be
23 disclosed in the appraisal report. It is a violation of
24 this Act for an appraiser to sign a report, transmittal
25 letter, or appraisal certification knowing that a person
26 providing a significant contribution to the report has not

1 been disclosed in the appraisal report.

2 (19) Violating the terms of a disciplinary order or
3 Consent ~~consent~~ to Administrative Supervision
4 ~~administrative supervision~~ order.

5 (20) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to
6 alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical
7 agent or drug that results in a licensee's inability to
8 practice with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety that
9 may result in significant harm to the public.

10 (21) A physical or mental illness or disability which
11 results in the inability to practice under this Act with
12 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

13 (22) Gross negligence in developing an appraisal or in
14 communicating an appraisal or failing to observe one or
15 more of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal
16 Practice.

17 (23) A pattern of practice or other behavior that
18 demonstrates incapacity or incompetence to practice under
19 this Act.

20 (24) Using or attempting to use the seal, certificate,
21 or license of another as one's own; falsely impersonating
22 any duly licensed appraiser; using or attempting to use an
23 inactive, expired, suspended, or revoked license; or
24 aiding or abetting any of the foregoing.

25 (25) Solicitation of professional services by using
26 false, misleading, or deceptive advertising.

1 (26) Making a material misstatement in furnishing
2 information to the Department.

3 (27) Failure to furnish information to the Department
4 upon written request.

5 (b) The Department may reprimand, suspend, revoke, or
6 refuse to issue or renew an education provider's license, may
7 reprimand, place on probation, or otherwise discipline an
8 education provider, and may suspend or revoke the course
9 approval of any course offered by an education provider and
10 may impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$25,000 upon
11 an education provider, for any of the following:

12 (1) Procuring or attempting to procure licensure by
13 knowingly making a false statement, submitting false
14 information, engaging in any form of fraud or
15 misrepresentation, or refusing to provide complete
16 information in response to a question in an application
17 for licensure.

18 (2) Failing to comply with the covenants certified to
19 on the application for licensure as an education provider.

20 (3) Committing an act or omission involving
21 dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation or allowing any
22 such act or omission by any employee or contractor under
23 the control of the provider.

24 (4) Engaging in misleading or untruthful advertising.

25 (5) Failing to retain competent instructors in
26 accordance with rules adopted under this Act.

1 (6) Failing to meet the topic or time requirements for
2 course approval as the provider of a qualifying curriculum
3 course or a continuing education course.

4 (7) Failing to administer an approved course using the
5 course materials, syllabus, and examinations submitted as
6 the basis of the course approval.

7 (8) Failing to provide an appropriate classroom
8 environment for presentation of courses, with
9 consideration for student comfort, acoustics, lighting,
10 seating, workspace, and visual aid material.

11 (9) Failing to maintain student records in compliance
12 with the rules adopted under this Act.

13 (10) Failing to provide a certificate, transcript, or
14 other student record to the Department or to a student as
15 may be required by rule.

16 (11) Failing to fully cooperate with an investigation
17 by the Department by knowingly making a false statement,
18 submitting false or misleading information, or refusing to
19 provide complete information in response to written
20 interrogatories or a written request for documentation
21 within 30 days of the request.

22 (c) In appropriate cases, the Department may resolve a
23 complaint against a licensee through the issuance of a Consent
24 to Administrative Supervision order. A licensee subject to a
25 Consent to Administrative Supervision order shall be
26 considered by the Department as an active licensee in good

1 standing. This order shall not be reported or considered by
2 the Department to be a discipline of the licensee. The records
3 regarding an investigation and a Consent to Administrative
4 Supervision order shall be considered confidential and shall
5 not be released by the Department except as mandated by law.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 103-236, eff. 1-1-24;
7 revised 6-24-25.)

8 (225 ILCS 458/15-10.1)

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

10 Sec. 15-10.1. Citations.

11 (a) The Department may adopt rules to permit the issuance
12 of citations to any licensee for failure to comply with the
13 continuing education requirements set forth in this Act or as
14 established by rule. The citation shall be issued to the
15 licensee. For associate real estate trainee appraisers, a copy
16 shall also be sent to the licensee's supervising appraiser of
17 record. The citation shall contain the licensee's name, the
18 licensee's address, the licensee's license number, the number
19 of required hours of continuing education that have not been
20 successfully completed on or before ~~by the licensee's licensee~~
21 ~~within the renewal deadline period~~, and the penalty imposed,
22 which shall not exceed \$2,000. The issuance of a citation
23 shall not excuse the licensee from completing all continuing
24 education required for that term of licensure ~~renewal period~~.

25 (b) Service of a citation shall be made in person,

1 electronically, or by mail to the licensee at the licensee's
2 address of record or email address of record and ~~Service of a~~
3 ~~citation~~ must clearly state that if the cited licensee wishes
4 to dispute the citation, the cited licensee may make a written
5 request, within 30 days after the citation is served, for a
6 hearing before the Department. If the cited licensee does not
7 request a hearing within 30 days after the citation is served,
8 then ~~the citation shall become~~ a final, non-disciplinary order
9 shall be entered, and any fine imposed is due and payable
10 within 30 ~~60~~ days after the entry of that final order. If the
11 cited licensee requests a hearing within 30 days after the
12 citation is served, the Department shall afford the cited
13 licensee a hearing conducted in the same manner as a hearing
14 provided for in this Act for any violation of this Act and
15 shall determine whether the cited licensee committed the
16 violation as charged and whether the fine as levied is
17 warranted. If the violation is found, any fine shall
18 constitute non-public discipline and be due and payable within
19 30 days after the order of the Secretary, which shall
20 constitute a final order of the Department. No change in
21 license status may be made by the Department until a final
22 order of the Department has been issued.

23 (c) Payment of a fine that has been assessed pursuant to
24 this Section shall not constitute disciplinary action
25 reportable on the Department's website or elsewhere unless a
26 licensee has previously received 2 or more citations and been

1 assessed 2 or more fines.

2 (d) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit or limit the
3 Department from taking further action pursuant to this Act and
4 rules for additional, repeated, or continuing violations.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

6 (225 ILCS 458/15-11)

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

8 Sec. 15-11. Illegal discrimination.

9 (a) When there has been an adjudication in a civil or
10 criminal proceeding that a licensee has illegally
11 discriminated while engaged in any activity for which a
12 license is required under this Act, the Department, following
13 notice to the licensee and a hearing in accordance with
14 Section 15-15 and upon the recommendation of the Board as to
15 the extent of the suspension or revocation, shall suspend or
16 revoke the license of that licensee in a timely manner, unless
17 the adjudication is in the appeal process. The finding or
18 judgment of the civil or criminal proceeding is a matter of
19 record, the merits of which shall not be challenged in a
20 request for a hearing by the licensee.

21 (b) When there has been an order in an administrative
22 proceeding finding that a licensee has illegally discriminated
23 while engaged in any activity for which a license is required
24 under this Act, the Department, following notice to the
25 licensee and a hearing in accordance with Section 15-15, and

1 upon recommendation of the Board as to the nature and extent of
2 the discipline, shall take one or more of the disciplinary
3 actions provided for in this Act ~~Section 15-10~~ in a timely
4 manner, unless the administrative order is in the appeal
5 process. The finding of the administrative order is a matter
6 of record, the merits of which shall not be challenged in a
7 request for a hearing by the licensee.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

9 (225 ILCS 458/15-15)

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

11 Sec. 15-15. Investigation; notice; hearing.

12 (a) Upon the motion of the Department or the Board or upon
13 a complaint in writing of a person setting forth facts that, if
14 proven, would constitute grounds for suspension, revocation,
15 or other disciplinary action, the Department shall investigate
16 the actions or qualifications of any person who is a licensee,
17 applicant for licensure, unlicensed person, person rendering
18 or offering to render appraisal services, or person holding or
19 claiming to hold a license under this Act. If, upon
20 investigation, the Department believes that there may be cause
21 for suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action, the
22 Department may ~~shall~~ use the services of a State certified
23 general real estate appraiser, a State certified residential
24 real estate appraiser, or the Coordinator to assist in
25 determining whether grounds for disciplinary action exist

1 prior to commencing formal disciplinary proceedings.

2 (b) Formal disciplinary proceedings shall commence upon
3 the issuance of a written complaint describing the charges
4 that are the basis of the disciplinary action and delivery of
5 the detailed complaint to the most recent address of record or
6 email address of record of the person charged as provided to
7 the Department. For an associate real estate trainee
8 appraiser, a copy shall also be sent to the licensee's
9 supervising appraiser of record at the supervising appraiser's
10 most recent address of record or email address of record as
11 provided to the Department. The Department shall notify the
12 person to file a verified written answer within 20 days after
13 the service of the notice and complaint. The notification
14 shall inform the person of the right to be heard in person or
15 by legal counsel; that the hearing will be afforded not sooner
16 than 20 days after service of the complaint; that failure to
17 file an answer after service of notice will result in a default
18 being entered against the person; that the license may be
19 suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status; and that
20 the Department may take whatever other disciplinary action may
21 be taken pursuant to this Act, including limiting the scope,
22 nature, or extent of the licensee's practice. ~~If the person~~
23 ~~fails to file an answer after service of notice, the~~
24 ~~respective license may, at the discretion of the Department,~~
25 ~~be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary status and~~
26 ~~the Department may take whatever disciplinary action it deems~~

1 ~~proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the~~
2 ~~person's practice, without a hearing.~~

3 (c) At the time and place fixed in the notice, the
4 Department Board shall conduct a hearing of the charges,
5 providing the parties ~~both the person charged and the~~
6 ~~complainant~~ ample opportunity to present in person or by
7 counsel such statements, testimony, evidence, and argument as
8 may be pertinent to the charges or to a defense thereto. The
9 Department may continue such hearing from time to time.

10 If the person fails to file an answer after service of
11 notice, the respective license may, at the discretion of the
12 Department, be suspended, revoked, or placed on probationary
13 status and the Department may take whatever disciplinary
14 action it deems proper, including limiting the scope, nature,
15 or extent of the person's practice, without a hearing, if the
16 act or acts charged constitute sufficient grounds for such
17 action under this Act.

18 (c-5) The Secretary shall have the authority to appoint an
19 attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of
20 Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in any action to
21 suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by
22 the Department. The Hearing Officer shall have full authority
23 to conduct the hearing.

24 There may be present one or more members of the Board at
25 any such hearing. The hearing officer shall report the hearing
26 officer's findings and recommendations to the Board and the

1 Secretary. The Board shall have 60 days from receipt of the
2 report to review the report of the hearing officer and present
3 its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations
4 to the Secretary. If the Board fails to present its findings of
5 fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations within the
6 60-day period, the Department may request in writing a direct
7 appeal to the Secretary, in which case the Secretary may issue
8 an order based upon the report of the hearing officer and the
9 record of the proceedings or issue an order remanding the
10 matter back to the hearing officer for additional proceedings
11 in accordance with the order. If the Board fails to present its
12 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations
13 within a 60-day period after receiving an Order of Default,
14 the Department may request in writing a direct appeal to the
15 Secretary.

16 (d) The Board shall present to the Secretary a written
17 report of its findings of fact and recommendations. A copy of
18 the report shall be served upon the person either by mail or,
19 at the discretion of the Department, by electronic means. For
20 associate real estate trainee appraisers, a copy shall also be
21 sent to the licensee's supervising appraiser of record. Within
22 20 days after the service, the person may present to the
23 Department ~~Secretary with~~ a motion in writing for a rehearing
24 that specifies ~~and shall specify~~ the particular grounds for
25 the request. If the person orders a transcript of the record
26 from the applicable reporting service and pays for the

1 transcript within the 20-day period for filing a motion for
2 rehearing, the 20-day period shall restart upon the delivery
3 of the transcript.

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if
5 the Secretary, upon review, determines that substantial
6 justice has not been done in the revocation, suspension, or
7 refusal to issue or renew a license or any other disciplinary
8 action taken as a result of the entry of the hearing officer's
9 report, the Secretary may order a rehearing by the Board or
10 other special committee appointed by the Secretary or may
11 remand the matter to the Board for its reconsideration of the
12 matter based on the pleadings and evidence presented to the
13 Board. If the Secretary disagrees in any regard with the
14 report of the Board or the hearing officer, the Secretary may
15 issue an order in contravention of the Board or the hearing
16 officer. If the person orders a transcript of the record as
17 provided in this Act, the time elapsing thereafter and before
18 the transcript is ready for delivery to the person shall not be
19 counted as part of the 20 days. If the Secretary is not
20 satisfied that substantial justice has been done, the
21 Secretary may order a rehearing by the Board or other special
22 committee appointed by the Secretary, may remand the matter to
23 the Board for its reconsideration of the matter based on the
24 pleadings and evidence presented to the Board, or may enter a
25 final order in contravention of the Board's recommendation.

26 Notwithstanding a person's failure to file a motion for

1 rehearing, the Secretary shall have the right to take any of
2 the actions specified in this subsection (d). Upon the
3 suspension or revocation of a license, the licensee shall be
4 required to surrender the respective license to the
5 Department, and upon failure or refusal to do so, the
6 Department shall have the right to seize the license.

7 (e) The Department has the power to issue subpoenas and
8 subpoenas duces tecum to bring before it any person in this
9 State, to take testimony, or to require production of any
10 records relevant to an inquiry or hearing by the Board in the
11 same manner as prescribed by law in judicial proceedings in
12 the courts of this State. In a case of refusal of a witness to
13 attend, testify, or to produce books or papers concerning a
14 matter upon which the witness might be lawfully examined, the
15 circuit court of the county where the hearing is held, upon
16 application of the Department or any party to the proceeding,
17 may compel obedience by proceedings as for contempt.

18 (f) Any license that is revoked may not be restored for a
19 minimum period of 3 years.

20 (g) In addition to the provisions of this Section
21 concerning the conduct of hearings and the recommendations for
22 discipline, the Department has the authority to negotiate
23 disciplinary and non-disciplinary settlement agreements
24 concerning any license issued under this Act. All such
25 agreements shall be recorded as Consent Orders or Consent to
26 Administrative Supervision Orders.

1 (h) (Blank). ~~The Secretary shall have the authority to~~
2 ~~appoint an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State~~
3 ~~of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in any action to~~
4 ~~suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline any license issued by~~
5 ~~the Department. The Hearing Officer shall have full authority~~
6 ~~to conduct the hearing.~~

7 (i) The Department, at its expense, shall preserve a
8 record of all formal hearings of any contested case involving
9 the discipline of a license. At all hearings or pre-hearing
10 conferences, the Department and the licensee shall be entitled
11 to have the proceedings transcribed by a certified shorthand
12 reporter. A copy of the transcribed proceedings shall be made
13 available to the licensee by the certified shorthand reporter
14 upon payment of the prevailing contract copy rate.

15 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22;
16 103-236, eff. 1-1-24; revised 6-24-25.)

17 (225 ILCS 458/25-10)

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

19 Sec. 25-10. Real Estate Appraisal Administration and
20 Disciplinary Board; appointment.

21 (a) There is hereby created the Real Estate Appraisal
22 Administration and Disciplinary Board. The Board shall be
23 composed of the Coordinator and 10 persons appointed by the
24 Governor. Members shall be appointed to the Board subject to
25 the following conditions:

1 (1) All appointed members shall have been residents
2 and citizens of this State for at least 5 years prior to
3 the date of appointment.

4 (2) The appointed membership of the Board should
5 reasonably reflect the geographic distribution of the
6 population of the State.

7 (3) Four appointed members shall have been actively
8 engaged and currently licensed as State certified general
9 real estate appraisers for a period of not less than 5
10 years.

11 (4) Three appointed members shall have been actively
12 engaged and currently licensed as State certified
13 residential real estate appraisers for a period of not
14 less than 5 years.

15 (5) One appointed member shall hold a valid license as
16 a real estate broker for at least 3 years prior to the date
17 of the appointment and shall hold either a valid State
18 certified general real estate appraiser license or a valid
19 State certified residential appraiser license issued under
20 this Act or a predecessor Act for a period of at least 5
21 years prior to the appointment.

22 (6) One appointed member shall be a representative of
23 a financial institution, as evidenced by proof of
24 employment with a financial institution.

25 (7) One appointed member shall represent the interests
26 of the general public. This member or the member's spouse

1 shall not be licensed under this Act nor be employed by or
2 have any financial interest in an appraisal business,
3 appraisal management company, real estate brokerage
4 business, or a financial institution.

5 In making appointments as provided in paragraphs (3) and
6 (4) of this subsection, the Governor shall give due
7 consideration to recommendations by members and organizations
8 representing the profession.

9 In making the appointments as provided in paragraph (5) of
10 this subsection, the Governor shall give due consideration to
11 the recommendations by members and organizations representing
12 the real estate industry.

13 In making the appointment as provided in paragraph (6) of
14 this subsection, the Governor shall give due consideration to
15 the recommendations by members and organizations representing
16 financial institutions.

17 (b) The members' terms shall be for 4 years or until a
18 successor is appointed. No member shall be reappointed to the
19 Board for a term that would cause the member's cumulative
20 service to the Board to exceed 12 years. Appointments to fill
21 vacancies shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

22 (c) The Governor may terminate the appointment of a member
23 for cause that, in the opinion of the Governor, reasonably
24 justifies the termination. Cause for termination may include,
25 without limitation, misconduct, incapacity, neglect of duty,
26 or missing 4 Board meetings during any one fiscal year.

1 (d) A majority of the Board members shall constitute a
2 quorum. A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not
3 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all of the rights and
4 perform all of the duties of the Board.

5 (e) The Board shall meet at least monthly ~~and may be~~
6 ~~convened by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or 3 members of~~
7 ~~the Board upon 10 days written notice.~~

8 (f) The Board shall, annually at the first meeting of the
9 fiscal year, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its
10 members. The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings and
11 shall coordinate with the Coordinator in developing and
12 distributing an agenda for each meeting. In the absence of the
13 Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the
14 meeting.

15 (g) The Coordinator shall serve as a member of the Board
16 without vote.

17 (h) The Board shall advise and make recommendations to the
18 Department on the education and experience qualifications of
19 any applicant for initial licensure as a State certified
20 general real estate appraiser or a State certified residential
21 real estate appraiser. The Department shall not make any
22 decisions concerning education or experience qualifications of
23 an applicant for initial licensure as a State certified
24 general real estate appraiser or a State certified residential
25 real estate appraiser without having first received the advice
26 and recommendation of the Board and shall give due

1 consideration to all such advice and recommendations; however,
2 if the Board does not render advice or make a recommendation
3 within a reasonable amount of time, then the Department may
4 render a decision.

5 (i) Except as provided in Section 15-17 of this Act, the
6 Board shall hear and make recommendations to the Secretary on
7 disciplinary matters that require a formal evidentiary
8 hearing. The Secretary shall give due consideration to the
9 recommendations of the Board involving discipline and
10 questions involving standards of professional conduct of
11 licensees.

12 (j) The Department shall seek and the Board shall provide
13 recommendations to the Department consistent with the
14 provisions of this Act and for the administration and
15 enforcement of all rules adopted pursuant to this Act. The
16 Department shall give due consideration to such
17 recommendations prior to adopting rules.

18 (k) The Department shall seek and the Board shall provide
19 recommendations to the Department on the approval of all
20 courses submitted to the Department pursuant to this Act and
21 the rules adopted pursuant to this Act. The Department shall
22 not approve any courses without having first received the
23 recommendation of the Board and shall give due consideration
24 to such recommendations prior to approving and licensing
25 courses; however, if the Board does not make a recommendation
26 within a reasonable amount of time, then the Department may

1 approve courses.

2 (l) Each voting member of the Board may receive a per diem
3 stipend in an amount to be determined by the Secretary. While
4 engaged in the performance of duties, each member shall be
5 reimbursed for necessary expenses.

6 (m) Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in an
7 action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other acts
8 performed in good faith as members of the Board.

9 (n) If the Department disagrees with any advice or
10 recommendation provided by the Board under this Section to the
11 Secretary or the Department, then notice of such disagreement
12 must be provided to the Board by the Department.

13 (o) (Blank).

14 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-970, eff. 5-27-22;
15 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

16 Section 50. The Appraisal Management Company Registration
17 Act is amended by changing Sections 10, 15, 20, 43, 45, 60, 65,
18 75, 105, 110, 125, 165 as follows:

19 (225 ILCS 459/10)

20 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

21 "Address of record" means the principal address recorded
22 by the Department in the applicant's or registrant's
23 application file or registration file maintained by the
24 Department's registration maintenance unit.

1 "Applicant" means a person or entity who applies to the
2 Department for a registration under this Act.

3 "Appraisal" means (noun) the act or process of developing
4 an opinion of value; an opinion of value (adjective) of or
5 pertaining to appraising and related functions.

6 "Appraisal firm" means an appraisal entity that is 100%
7 owned and controlled by a person or persons licensed in
8 Illinois as a certified general real estate appraiser or a
9 certified residential real estate appraiser. An appraisal firm
10 does not include an appraisal management company.

11 "Appraisal management company" means any corporation,
12 limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship,
13 subsidiary, unit, or other business entity that directly or
14 indirectly: (1) provides appraisal management services to
15 creditors or secondary mortgage market participants, including
16 affiliates; (2) provides appraisal management services in
17 connection with valuing the consumer's principal dwelling as
18 security for a consumer credit transaction (including consumer
19 credit transactions incorporated into securitizations); and
20 (3) any appraisal management company that, within a given
21 12-month period, oversees an appraiser panel of 16 or more
22 State-certified appraisers in Illinois or 25 or more
23 State-certified or State-licensed appraisers in 2 or more
24 jurisdictions. "Appraisal management company" includes a
25 hybrid entity.

26 "Appraisal management company national registry fee" means

1 the fee implemented pursuant to Title XI of the federal
2 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act
3 of 1989 for an appraiser management company's national
4 registry.

5 "Appraisal management services" means one or more of the
6 following:

7 (1) recruiting, selecting, and retaining appraisers;

8 (2) contracting with State-certified or State-licensed
9 appraisers to perform appraisal assignments;

10 (3) managing the process of having an appraisal
11 performed, including providing administrative services
12 such as receiving appraisal orders and appraisal reports;
13 submitting completed appraisal reports to creditors and
14 secondary market participants; collecting compensation
15 from creditors, underwriters, or secondary market
16 participants for services provided; and ~~or~~ paying
17 appraisers for services performed; and ~~or~~

18 (4) reviewing and verifying the work of appraisers.

19 "Appraiser panel" means a network, list, or roster of
20 licensed or certified appraisers approved by the appraisal
21 management company or by the end-user client to perform
22 appraisals as independent contractors for the appraisal
23 management company. "Appraiser panel" includes both appraisers
24 accepted by an appraisal management company for consideration
25 for future appraisal assignments and appraisers engaged by an
26 appraisal management company to perform one or more

1 appraisals. For the purposes of determining the size of an
2 appraiser panel, only independent contractors of hybrid
3 entities shall be counted towards the appraiser panel.

4 "Appraiser panel fee" means the amount collected from a
5 registrant that, where applicable, includes an appraisal
6 management company's national registry fee.

7 "Appraisal report" means a written appraisal by an
8 appraiser to a client.

9 "Appraisal practice service" means valuation services
10 performed by an individual acting as an appraiser, including,
11 but not limited to, appraisal or appraisal review.

12 "Appraisal subcommittee" means the appraisal subcommittee
13 of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council as
14 established by Title XI.

15 "Appraiser" means a person who performs real estate or
16 real property appraisals.

17 "Assignment result" means an appraiser's opinions and
18 conclusions developed specific to an assignment.

19 "Audit" includes, but is not limited to, an annual or
20 special audit, visit, or review necessary under this Act or
21 required by the Secretary or the Secretary's authorized
22 representative in carrying out the duties and responsibilities
23 under this Act.

24 "Client" means the party or parties who engage an
25 appraiser by employment or contract in a specific appraisal
26 assignment.

1 "Controlling person" means:

2 (1) an owner, officer, or director of an entity
3 seeking to offer appraisal management services;

4 (2) an individual employed, appointed, or authorized
5 by an appraisal management company who has the authority
6 to:

7 (A) enter into a contractual relationship with a
8 client for the performance of an appraisal management
9 service or appraisal practice service; and

10 (B) enter into an agreement with an appraiser for
11 the performance of a real estate appraisal activity;

12 (3) an individual who possesses, directly or
13 indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of
14 the management or policies of an appraisal management
15 company; or

16 (4) an individual who will act as the sole compliance
17 officer with regard to this Act and any rules adopted
18 under this Act.

19 "Covered transaction" means a consumer credit transaction
20 secured by a consumer's principal dwelling.

21 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
22 Professional Regulation.

23 "Email address of record" means the designated email
24 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
25 application file or the registrant's registration file
26 maintained by the Department's registration maintenance unit.

1 "Entity" means a corporation, a limited liability company,
2 partnership, a sole proprietorship, or other entity providing
3 services or holding itself out to provide services as an
4 appraisal management company or an appraisal management
5 service.

6 "End-user client" means any person who utilizes or engages
7 the services of an appraiser through an appraisal management
8 company.

9 "Federally regulated appraisal management company" means
10 an appraisal management company that is owned and controlled
11 by an insured depository institution, as defined in 12 U.S.C.
12 1813, or an insured credit union, as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1752,
13 and regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the
14 Currency, the Federal Reserve Board, the National Credit Union
15 Association, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

16 "Financial institution" means any bank, savings bank,
17 savings and loan association, credit union, mortgage broker,
18 mortgage banker, registrant under the Consumer Installment
19 Loan Act or the Sales Finance Agency Act, or a corporate
20 fiduciary, subsidiary, affiliate, parent company, or holding
21 company of any registrant, or any institution involved in real
22 estate financing that is regulated by State or federal law.

23 "Foreign appraisal management company" means any appraisal
24 management company organized under the laws of any other state
25 of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any other
26 jurisdiction of the United States.

1 "Hybrid entity" means an appraisal management company that
2 hires an appraiser as an employee to perform an appraisal and
3 engages an independent contractor to perform an appraisal.

4 "Multi-state licensing system" means a web-based platform
5 that allows an applicant to submit the application or
6 registration renewal to the Department online.

7 "Person" means individuals, entities, sole
8 proprietorships, corporations, limited liability companies,
9 and alien, foreign, or domestic partnerships, except that when
10 the context otherwise requires, the term may refer to a single
11 individual or other described entity.

12 "Principal dwelling" means a residential structure that
13 contains one to 4 units, whether or not that structure is
14 attached to real property. "Principal dwelling" includes an
15 individual condominium unit, cooperative unit, manufactured
16 home, mobile home, and trailer, if it is used as a residence.

17 "Principal office" means the actual, physical business
18 address, which shall not be a post office box or a virtual
19 business address, of a registrant, at which (i) the Department
20 may contact the registrant and (ii) records required under
21 this Act are maintained.

22 "Qualified to transact business in this State" means being
23 in compliance with the requirements of the Business
24 Corporation Act of 1983.

25 "Quality control review" means a review of an appraisal
26 report for compliance and completeness, including grammatical,

1 typographical, or other similar errors, unrelated to
2 developing an opinion of value.

3 "Real estate" means an identified parcel or tract of land,
4 including any improvements.

5 "Real estate related financial transaction" means any
6 transaction involving:

7 (1) the sale, lease, purchase, investment in, or
8 exchange of real property, including interests in property
9 or the financing thereof;

10 (2) the refinancing of real property or interests in
11 real property; and

12 (3) the use of real property or interest in property
13 as security for a loan or investment, including mortgage
14 backed securities.

15 "Real property" means the interests, benefits, and rights
16 inherent in the ownership of real estate.

17 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
18 Professional Regulation.

19 "USPAP" means the Uniform Standards of Professional
20 Appraisal Practice as adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board
21 under Title XI.

22 "Valuation" means any estimate of the value of real
23 property in connection with a creditor's decision to provide
24 credit, including those values developed under a policy of a
25 government sponsored enterprise or by an automated valuation
26 model or other methodology or mechanism.

1 "Written notice" means a communication transmitted by mail
2 or by electronic means that can be verified between an
3 appraisal management company and a licensed or certified real
4 estate appraiser.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)

6 (225 ILCS 459/15)

7 Sec. 15. Exemptions.

8 (a) Nothing in this Act shall apply to any of the
9 following:

10 (1) an agency of the federal, State, county, or
11 municipal government or an officer or employee of a
12 governmental ~~government~~ agency, or person, described in
13 this Section when acting within the scope of employment of
14 the officer or employee;

15 (2) a corporate relocation company when the appraisal
16 is not used for mortgage purposes and the end user client
17 is an employer company;

18 (3) any person licensed in this State under any other
19 Act while engaged in the activities or practice for which
20 the person ~~he or she~~ is licensed;

21 (4) any person licensed to practice law in this State
22 who is working with or on behalf of a client of that person
23 in connection with one or more appraisals for that client;

24 (5) an appraiser that enters into an agreement,
25 whether written or otherwise, with another appraiser for

1 the performance of an appraisal, and upon the completion
2 of the appraisal, the report of the appraiser performing
3 the appraisal is signed by both the appraiser who
4 completed the appraisal and the appraiser who requested
5 the completion of the appraisal, except that an appraisal
6 management company may not avoid the requirement of
7 registration under this Act by requiring an employee of
8 the appraisal management company who is an appraiser to
9 sign an appraisal that was completed by another appraiser
10 who is part of the appraisal panel of the appraisal
11 management company;

12 (6) any person acting as an agent of the Illinois
13 Department of Transportation in the acquisition or
14 relinquishment of land for transportation issues to the
15 extent of their contract scope;

16 (7) a design professional entity when the appraisal is
17 not used for mortgage purposes and the end user client is
18 an agency of State government or a unit of local
19 government;

20 (8) an appraiser firm whose ownership is appropriately
21 certified under the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of
22 2002;

23 (9) an appraisal management company solely engaged in
24 non-residential appraisal management services; or

25 (10) a department or division of an entity that
26 provides appraisal management services only to that

1 entity.

2 (b) A federally regulated appraisal management company
3 shall register with the Department for the sole purpose of
4 collecting required information for, and to pay all fees
5 associated with, the State of Illinois' obligation to register
6 the federally regulated appraisal management company with the
7 Appraisal Management Companies National Registry, but the
8 federally regulated appraisal management company is otherwise
9 exempt from all other provisions in this Act.

10 (c) In the event that the Final Interim Rule of the federal
11 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
12 provides that an appraisal management company is a subsidiary
13 owned and controlled by a financial institution regulated by a
14 federal financial institution's regulatory agency and is
15 exempt from State appraisal management company registration
16 requirements, the Department, shall, by rule, provide for the
17 implementation of such an exemption.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

19 (225 ILCS 459/20)

20 Sec. 20. Restrictions and limitations. Beginning January
21 1, 2012, it is unlawful for a person or entity to act or assume
22 to act as an appraisal management company as defined in this
23 Act, to engage in the business of appraisal management
24 service, or to advertise or hold oneself ~~himself or herself~~
25 out to be a registered appraisal management company without

1 first obtaining a registration issued by the Department under
2 this Act. A person or entity that violates this Section is
3 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a
4 Class 4 felony for second and subsequent offenses.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-604, eff. 7-13-18.)

6 (225 ILCS 459/43)

7 Sec. 43. Application denial. If an application is denied,
8 the applicant may, within 20 days after the date of the notice
9 of denial, make a written request to the Secretary for a
10 hearing on the application, and the Secretary shall set a time
11 and place for the hearing. The hearing shall be set for a date
12 after the receipt by the Secretary of the request for hearing,
13 and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be
14 communicated to the applicant at least 10 days before the date
15 of the hearing. The applicant shall pay the actual cost of
16 making the transcript of the hearing before the Secretary
17 issues a ~~his or her~~ decision following the hearing. If,
18 following the hearing, the application is denied, the
19 Secretary shall prepare and keep on file ~~in his or her office~~ a
20 written order of denial thereof that shall contain the ~~his or~~
21 ~~her~~ findings and the reasons supporting the denial and shall
22 communicate a copy to the applicant in a manner prescribed by
23 the Department. A decision may be reviewed as provided in
24 Section 135.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-604, eff. 7-13-18.)

1 (225 ILCS 459/45)

2 Sec. 45. Expiration and renewal of registration. The
3 expiration date and renewal period for each registration shall
4 be set by rule. A registrant whose registration has expired
5 may reinstate the ~~his or her~~ registration at any time within 5
6 years after the expiration thereof, by making a renewal
7 application and by paying the required fee.

8 Any registrant whose registration has expired for more
9 than 5 years may have it restored by making an application to
10 the Department, paying the required fee, and filing acceptable
11 proof of fitness to have the registration restored as set by
12 rule.

13 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

14 (225 ILCS 459/60)

15 Sec. 60. Returned checks; fines. Any person who delivers
16 a check or other payment to the Department that is returned to
17 the Department unpaid by the financial institution upon which
18 it is drawn shall pay to the Department, in addition to the
19 amount already owed to the Department, a fine of \$50. The fines
20 imposed by this Section are in addition to any other
21 discipline provided under this Act for unregistered practice
22 or practice on a nonrenewed registration. The Department shall
23 notify the person that payment of fees and fines shall be paid
24 to the Department by certified check or money order within 30

1 calendar days of the notification. If, after the expiration of
2 30 days after the date of the notification, the person has
3 failed to submit the necessary remittance, the Department
4 shall automatically terminate the registration or deny the
5 application, without hearing. If, after termination or denial,
6 the person seeks a registration, the person ~~he or she~~ shall
7 apply to the Department for restoration or issuance of the
8 registration and pay all fees and fines due to the Department.
9 The Department may establish a fee for the processing of an
10 application for restoration of a registration to pay all
11 expenses of processing this application. The Secretary may
12 waive the fines due under this Section in individual cases
13 where the Secretary finds that the fines would be unreasonable
14 or unnecessarily burdensome.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

16 (225 ILCS 459/65)

17 Sec. 65. Disciplinary actions.

18 (a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may
19 revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, or take other
20 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may
21 deem appropriate, including imposing fines not to exceed
22 \$25,000 for each violation upon any registrant or applicant
23 under this Act or entity who holds oneself or itself out as an
24 applicant or registrant, for any one or combination of the
25 following:

1 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to
2 the Department.

3 (2) Violations of this Act~~7~~ or of the rules adopted
4 under this Act.

5 (3) Conviction of~~7~~ or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo
6 contendere to any crime that is a felony under the laws of
7 the United States or any state or territory thereof or
8 that is a misdemeanor of which an essential element is
9 dishonesty, or any crime that is directly related to the
10 practice of the profession.

11 (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of
12 obtaining registration or violating any provision of this
13 Act or the rules adopted under this Act pertaining to
14 advertising.

15 (5) Professional incompetence.

16 (6) Gross malpractice.

17 (7) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
18 any provision of this Act, the Illinois Real Estate
19 Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, or the ~~or~~ rules adopted
20 under either ~~this~~ Act.

21 (8) Failing, within 30 days after requested, to
22 provide information in response to a written request made
23 by the Department.

24 (9) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
25 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
26 defraud, or harm the public.

1 (10) Discipline by another state, the District of
2 Columbia, a territory, or a foreign nation, if at least
3 one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or
4 substantially equivalent to those set forth in this
5 Section.

6 (11) A finding by the Department that the registrant,
7 after having the registrant's registration placed on
8 probationary status, has violated the terms of probation.

9 (12) Willfully making or filing false records or
10 reports in the registrant's practice, including, but not
11 limited to, false records filed with State agencies or
12 departments.

13 (13) Filing false statements for collection of fees
14 for which services are not rendered.

15 (14) Practicing under a false or, except as provided
16 by law, an assumed name.

17 (15) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for, or
18 procuring, a registration under this Act or in connection
19 with applying for renewal of a registration under this
20 Act.

21 (16) Being adjudicated liable in a civil proceeding
22 for violation of a state or federal fair housing law.

23 (17) (Blank). ~~Failure to obtain or maintain the bond~~
24 ~~required under Section 50 of this Act.~~

25 (18) Failure to pay appraiser panel fees or appraisal
26 management company national registry fees.

1 (19) Violating the terms of any order issued by the
2 Department.

3 (b) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend
4 without hearing as provided for in the Department of
5 Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code
6 of Illinois the registration of any person who fails to file a
7 return, or to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a
8 filed return, or to pay any final assessment of the tax,
9 penalty, or interest as required by any tax Act administered
10 by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the
11 requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied.

12 (b-5) The Department may refuse to issue or renew or may
13 suspend without hearing as provided for in the Department of
14 Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code
15 of Illinois the registration of any person who fails to pay or
16 secure workers' compensation obligations as determined by and
17 based solely upon the certification of the Department of
18 Insurance or the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

19 (c) An appraisal management company shall not be
20 registered or included on the national registry if the
21 company, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, is owned
22 by a person who has had an appraiser license or certificate
23 refused, denied, canceled, surrendered in lieu of revocation,
24 or revoked under the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of
25 2002 or the rules adopted under that Act, or similar
26 discipline by another state, the District of Columbia, a

1 territory, a foreign nation, a governmental agency, or an
2 entity authorized to impose discipline if at least one of the
3 grounds for that discipline is the same as or the equivalent of
4 one of the grounds for which a licensee may be disciplined as
5 set forth under this Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24; revised 6-24-25.)

7 (225 ILCS 459/75)

8 Sec. 75. Investigations; notice and hearing. The
9 Department may investigate the actions of any person who is an
10 applicant or of any person or persons rendering or offering to
11 render any services requiring registration under this Act or
12 any person holding or claiming to hold a registration as an
13 appraisal management company. The Department shall, before
14 revoking, suspending, placing on probation, reprimanding, or
15 taking any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action under
16 Section 65 or Section 165 of this Act, at least 30 days before
17 the date set for the hearing, (i) notify the person charged in
18 writing of the charges made and the time and place for the
19 hearing on the charges, (ii) direct the person to file a
20 written answer to the charges with the Department under oath
21 within 20 days after service of the notice, and (iii) inform
22 the person that, if the person fails to answer, default will be
23 entered or that the person's registration may be suspended,
24 revoked, placed on probationary status, or other disciplinary
25 action taken with regard to the registration, including

1 limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the person's
2 practice, as the Department may consider proper. At the time
3 and place fixed in the notice, the Department shall proceed to
4 hear the charges and the parties or their counsel shall be
5 accorded ample opportunity to present any pertinent
6 statements, testimony, evidence, and arguments. The Department
7 may continue the hearing from time to time. In case the person,
8 after receiving the notice, fails to file an answer, the
9 person's registration may, in the discretion of the
10 Department, be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary
11 status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary
12 action considered proper, including limiting the scope,
13 nature, or extent of the person's practice or the imposition
14 of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts charged
15 constitute sufficient grounds for that action under this Act.
16 The written notice may be served by certified mail or
17 electronic mail to the last address of record or email address
18 of record as provided to the Department or, if in the course of
19 the administrative proceeding the party has previously
20 designated a specific email address at which to accept
21 electronic service for that specific proceeding, by sending a
22 copy by email to the party's email address on record.
23 (Source: P.A. 103-236, eff. 1-1-24.)

24 (225 ILCS 459/105)

25 Sec. 105. Secretary; rehearing. Whenever the Secretary

1 believes that substantial justice has not been done in the
2 revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue, restore, or renew
3 a registration, or other discipline of an applicant or
4 registrant, the Secretary ~~he or she~~ may order a rehearing by
5 the same or other hearing officers.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

7 (225 ILCS 459/110)

8 Sec. 110. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Secretary
9 has the authority to appoint any attorney licensed to practice
10 law in the State to serve as the hearing officer in any action
11 for refusal to issue, restore, or renew a registration or to
12 discipline a registrant. The hearing officer has full
13 authority to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer shall
14 report the ~~his or her~~ findings of fact, conclusions of law, and
15 recommendations to the Secretary. If the Secretary disagrees
16 with the recommendation of the hearing officer, the Secretary
17 may issue an order in contravention of the recommendation.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

19 (225 ILCS 459/125)

20 Sec. 125. Surrender of registration. Upon the revocation
21 or suspension of a registration, the registrant shall
22 immediately surrender the ~~his or her~~ registration to the
23 Department. If the registrant fails to do so, the Department
24 has the right to seize the registration.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

2 (225 ILCS 459/165)

3 Sec. 165. Prohibited activities.

4 (a) No person or entity acting in the capacity of an
5 appraisal management company shall improperly influence or
6 attempt to improperly influence the development, reporting,
7 result, or review of any appraisal by engaging, without
8 limitation, in any of the following:

9 (1) Withholding or threatening to withhold timely
10 payment for a completed appraisal, except where addressed
11 in a mutually agreed upon contract.

12 (2) Withholding or threatening to withhold, either
13 expressed or by implication, future business from, or
14 demoting, or terminating, or threatening to demote or
15 terminate an Illinois licensed or certified appraiser.

16 (3) Expressly or impliedly promising future business,
17 promotions, or increased compensation for an independent
18 appraiser.

19 (4) Conditioning an assignment for an appraisal
20 service or the payment of an appraisal fee or salary or
21 bonus on the opinion, conclusion, or valuation to be
22 reached in an appraisal report.

23 (5) Requesting that an appraiser provide an estimated,
24 predetermined, or desired valuation in an appraisal report
25 or provide estimated values or sales at any time prior to

1 the appraiser's completion of an appraisal report.

2 (6) Allowing or directing the removal of an appraiser
3 from an appraisal panel without prior written notice to
4 the appraiser.

5 (7) Requiring an appraiser to sign a non-compete
6 clause when not an employee of the entity.

7 (8) Requiring an appraiser to sign any sort of
8 indemnification agreement that would require the appraiser
9 to defend and hold harmless the appraisal management
10 company or any of its agents, employees, or independent
11 contractors for any liability, damage, losses, or claims
12 arising out of the services performed by the appraisal
13 management company or its agents, employees, or
14 independent contractors and not the services performed by
15 the appraiser.

16 (9) Prohibiting or attempting to prohibit the
17 appraiser from including or referencing the appraisal fee,
18 the appraisal management company name or identity, or the
19 client's or lender's name or identity within the body of
20 the appraisal report.

21 (10) Requiring ~~Require~~ an appraiser to collect a fee
22 from the borrower or occupant of the property to be
23 appraised.

24 (11) Knowingly withholding any end-user client
25 guidelines, policies, requirements, standards, assignment
26 conditions, and special instructions from an appraiser

1 prior to the acceptance of an appraisal assignment.

2 (b) A person or entity may not structure an appraisal
3 assignment or a contract with an independent appraiser for the
4 purpose of evading the provisions of this Act.

5 (c) No registrant or other person or entity may alter,
6 modify, or otherwise change a completed appraisal report
7 submitted by an independent appraiser, including without
8 limitation, by doing either of the following:

9 (1) permanently or temporarily removing the
10 appraiser's signature or seal; or

11 (2) adding information to, or removing information
12 from, the appraisal report with an intent to change the
13 value conclusion or the condition of the property.

14 (d) No appraisal management company may require an
15 appraiser to provide it with the appraiser's digital signature
16 or seal. However, nothing in this Act shall be deemed to
17 prohibit an appraiser from voluntarily providing the
18 appraiser's ~~his or her~~ digital signature or seal to another
19 person on an assignment-by-assignment basis, in accordance
20 with USPAP.

21 (e) Nothing in this Act shall prohibit an appraisal
22 management company from requesting that an appraiser:

23 (1) consider additional appropriate property
24 information, including the consideration of additional
25 comparable properties to make or support an appraisal;

26 (2) provide further detail, substantiation, or

1 explanation for the appraiser's value conclusion; or
2 (3) correct factual errors in the appraisal report.
3 (Source: P.A. 97-602, eff. 8-26-11.)

4 (225 ILCS 459/50 rep.)

5 Section 55. The Appraisal Management Company Registration
6 Act is amended by repealing Section 50.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.".