**Section 591.115 Processing Fee**

a) A processing fee of $3,000 shall accompany each application submitted to the Department.

b) Payment shall be by check or money order payable to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

c) If the payment does not accompany the application, it will be deemed incomplete (see Section 591.120(d)(1)(B)). The Department will take no action on the application until the required payment has been received.

d) If the Department determines that the payment is not valid due to insufficient funds or other reasons, the application will be null and void. The Department, pursuant to Sec. 3-806 of the Uniform Commercial Code [810 ILCS 5], may charge the applicant for any penalties incurred by the State for processing an applicant's bad payment. The Department will determine whether to collect based on cost effectiveness.

e) Fee payments are not refundable.

f) Fees collected from applicants shall be deposited into the Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund.

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