

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act
5 is amended by changing Section 13 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 75/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 3713)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

8 Sec. 13. Endorsement. The Department may, in its
9 discretion, license as an occupational therapist or
10 occupational therapy assistant, without examination, on
11 payment of the required fee, an applicant who is an
12 occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant
13 licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction, upon filing of
14 an application on forms provided by the Department, paying the
15 required fee, and meeting such requirements as are established
16 by rule. The Department may adopt rules governing recognition
17 of education and legal practice in another jurisdiction,
18 requiring additional education, and determining when an
19 examination may be required. ~~if the requirements for licensure~~
20 ~~in that jurisdiction were, at the date of his licensure,~~
21 ~~substantially equivalent to the requirements in force in this~~
22 ~~State on that date or equivalent to the requirements of this~~
23 Act.

1 An applicant for endorsement who has practiced for 10
2 consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the
3 requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an
4 application on forms provided by the Department, paying the
5 required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another
6 jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without
7 discipline by certified verification of licensure from the
8 jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

9 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
10 complete the application process. If the process has not been
11 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee
12 forfeited and the applicant must reapply and meet the
13 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-424.)

15 Section 10. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by
16 changing Section 11 as follows:

17 (225 ILCS 90/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 4261)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

19 Sec. 11. Endorsement. The Department may, without
20 examination, grant a license under this Act to an applicant who
21 is licensed as a ~~in its discretion, license as a~~ physical
22 therapist or physical therapist assistant, without
23 examination, on payment of the required fee, an applicant for a
24 license who is a physical therapist or physical therapist

1 assistant, as the case may be, licensed under the laws of
2 another jurisdiction upon filing of an application on forms
3 provided by the Department, paying the required fee, and
4 meeting such requirements as are established by rule. The
5 Department may adopt rules governing recognition of education
6 and legal practice in another jurisdiction, requiring
7 additional education, and determining when an examination may
8 be required. ~~state if the requirements for a license of~~
9 ~~physical therapists or physical therapist assistant in the~~
10 ~~state in which the applicant was licensed were at the date of~~
11 ~~his or her licensure substantially equal to the requirements in~~
12 ~~force in this State on that date.~~

13 An applicant for endorsement who has practiced for 10
14 consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the
15 requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an
16 application on forms provided by the Department, paying the
17 required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another
18 jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without
19 discipline by certified verification of licensure from the
20 jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

21 The Department may waive the English proficiency
22 examination by rule.

23 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
24 complete the application process. If the process has not been
25 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee
26 forfeited and the applicant must reapply and meet the

1 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 1-1-96.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.