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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 1026/15-201
765 ILCS 1026/15-210
765 ILCS 1026/15-503
765 ILCS 1026/15-603
765 ILCS 1026/15-1004
765 ILCS 1026/15-1004
765 ILCS 1026/15-1401
765 ILCS 1026/15-1402

Amends the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Makes changes concerning the time and circumstances under which financial organization deposits are presumed abandoned. Makes changes in provisions governing extending the reporting date of certain reported renewable time deposits. Deletes language requiring a holder to inform the administrator to provide a telephone number to contact the administrator to inquire about or claim property. Provides that the administrator does not need to notify the Department of Revenue of the names or social security numbers of apparent owners of abandoned property if he or she reasonably believes that the Department of Revenue will be unable to provide information that would provide sufficient evidence to establish that the person in the Department of Revenue's records is the apparent owner of unclaimed property in the custody of the administrator. Provides that the State Treasurer may, at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice: (1) examine the records of specified types of financial organizations under certain conditions; (2) issue an administrative subpoena requiring the financial organization to make records available for examination; and (3) bring an action seeking judicial enforcement of the subpoena. Provides that records obtained in examinations of State-regulated financial organizations are subject to the same provisions concerning use and confidentiality as records obtained in examinations of other persons. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

Section 5. The Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act is
amended by changing Sections 15-201, 15-210, 15-503, 15-603,
15-1002.1, 15-1004, 15-1401, and 15-1402 as follows:

7 (765 ILCS 1026/15-201)

8 Sec. 15-201. When property presumed abandoned. Subject to 9 Section 15-210, the following property is presumed abandoned if 10 it is unclaimed by the apparent owner during the period 11 specified below:

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(1) a traveler's check, 15 years after issuance;

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(2) a money order, 7 years after issuance;

14 (3) any instrument on which a financial organization or 15 business association is directly liable, 3 years after 16 issuance;

17 (4) a state or municipal bond, bearer bond, or 18 original-issue-discount bond, 3 years after the earliest 19 of the date the bond matures or is called or the obligation 20 to pay the principal of the bond arises;

(5) a debt of a business association, 3 years after the
 obligation to pay arises;

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(6) financial organization deposits as follows:

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1	(i) a demand deposit, 3 years after the date of the
2	last indication of interest in the property by the
3	apparent owner;
4	(ii) a savings deposit, 3 years after the date of
5	last indication of interest in the property by the
6	apparent owner;
7	(iii) a time deposit for which the owner has not
8	consented to automatic renewal of the time deposit, 3
9	years after the date of last indication of interest in
10	the property by the apparent owner;
11	(iv) an automatically renewable time deposit for
12	which the owner consented to the automatic renewal in a
13	record on file with the holder, 3 years after the date
14	of last indication of interest in the property by the
15	apparent owner, following the completion of the
16	initial term of the time deposit and one automatic
17	renewal term of the time deposit a demand, savings, or
18	time deposit, 3 years after the later of maturity or
19	the date of the last indication of interest in the
20	property by the apparent owner, except for a deposit
21	that is automatically renewable, 3 years after its
22	initial date of maturity unless the apparent owner
23	consented in a record on file with the holder to
24	renewal at or about the time of the renewal;
25	(7) money or a credit owed to a customer as a result of

26 a retail business transaction, other than in-store credit

1 for returned merchandise, 3 years after the obligation
2 arose;

(8) an amount owed by an insurance company on a life or
endowment insurance policy or an annuity contract that has
matured or terminated, 3 years after the obligation to pay
arose under the terms of the policy or contract or, if a
policy or contract for which an amount is owed on proof of
death has not matured by proof of the death of the insured
or annuitant, as follows:

(A) with respect to an amount owed on a life or
endowment insurance policy, the earlier of:

(i) 3 years after the death of the insured; or (ii) 2 years after the insured has attained, or would have attained if living, the limiting age under the mortality table on which the reserve for the policy is based; and

(B) with respect to an amount owed on an annuity
 contract, 3 years after the death of the annuitant.

19 (9) funds on deposit or held in trust pursuant to the20 Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act, the earliest of:

21 (A) 2 years after the date of death of the
22 beneficiary;

(B) one year after the date the beneficiary has
attained, or would have attained if living, the age of
105 where the holder does not know whether the
beneficiary is deceased;

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1 (C) 40 years after the contract for prepayment was 2 executed, unless the apparent owner has indicated an 3 interest in the property more than 40 years after the 4 contract for prepayment was executed, in which case, 3 5 years after the last indication of interest in the 6 property by the apparent owner;

7 (10) property distributable by a business association
8 in the course of dissolution or distributions from the
9 termination of a retirement plan, one year after the
10 property becomes distributable;

(11) (11) property held by a court, including property received as proceeds of a class action, 3 years after the property becomes distributable;

(12) property held by a government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, including municipal bond interest and unredeemed principal under the administration of a paying agent or indenture trustee, 3 years after the property becomes distributable;

(13) wages, commissions, bonuses, or reimbursements to which an employee is entitled, or other compensation for personal services, including amounts held on a payroll card, one year after the amount becomes payable;

(14) a deposit or refund owed to a subscriber by a utility, one year after the deposit or refund becomes payable, except that any capital credits or patronage capital retired, returned, refunded or tendered to a member

of an electric cooperative, as defined in Section 3.4 of 1 2 the Supplier Act, Electric or а telephone or telecommunications cooperative, as defined in Section 3 13-212 of the Public Utilities Act, that has remained 4 5 unclaimed by the person appearing on the records of the entitled cooperative for more than 2 years, shall not be 6 7 subject to, or governed by, any other provisions of this 8 Act, but rather shall be used by the cooperative for the 9 benefit of the general membership of the cooperative; and

10 (15) property not specified in this Section or Sections 11 15-202 through 15-208, the earlier of 3 years after the 12 owner first has a right to demand the property or the 13 obligation to pay or distribute the property arises.

14 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 15 15-201, and subject to Section 15-210, a deceased owner cannot 16 indicate interest in his or her property. If the owner is 17 deceased and the abandonment period for the owner's property specified in this Section 15-201 is greater than 2 years, then 18 19 the property, other than an amount owed by an insurance company 20 on a life or endowment insurance policy or an annuity contract that has matured or terminated, shall instead be presumed 21 22 abandoned 2 years from the date of the owner's last indication 23 of interest in the property.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18; 100-566, eff. 1-1-18; 25 101-552, eff. 1-1-20.) - 6 - LRB101 16417 LNS 65796 b

(765 ILCS 1026/15-210) 1 2 Sec. 15-210. Indication of apparent owner interest in 3 property. (a) The period after which property is presumed abandoned 4 5 is measured from the later of: 6 (1) the date the property is presumed abandoned under 7 this Article; or 8 (2) the latest indication of interest by the apparent 9 owner in the property. 10 (b) Under this Act, an indication of an apparent owner's 11 interest in property includes: 12 (1) a record communicated by the apparent owner to the holder or agent of the holder concerning the property or 13 14 the account in which the property is held; 15 (2) an oral communication by the apparent owner to the 16 holder or agent of the holder concerning the property or 17 the account in which the property is held, if the holder or its agent contemporaneously makes and preserves a record of 18 19 the fact of the apparent owner's communication; (3) presentment of a check or other instrument of 20 21 payment of a dividend, interest payment, or other 22 distribution, or evidence of receipt of a distribution made 23 by electronic or similar means, with respect to an account, 24 underlying security, or interest in business а 25 association; 26 (4) activity directed by an apparent owner in the

account in which the property is held, including accessing the account or information concerning the account, or a direction by the apparent owner to increase, decrease, or otherwise change the amount or type of property held in the account;

6 (5) a deposit into or withdrawal from an account at a 7 financial organization, except for a recurring Automated 8 Clearing House (ACH) debit or credit previously authorized 9 by the apparent owner or an automatic reinvestment of 10 dividends or interest; and

11 (6) subject to subsection (e), payment of a premium on 12 an insurance policy.

13 (c) An action by an agent or other representative of an 14 apparent owner, other than the holder acting as the apparent 15 owner's agent, is presumed to be an action on behalf of the 16 apparent owner.

(d) A communication with an apparent owner by a person other than the holder or the holder's representative is not an indication of interest in the property by the apparent owner unless a record of the communication evidences the apparent owner's knowledge of a right to the property.

(e) If the insured dies or the insured or beneficiary of an insurance policy otherwise becomes entitled to the proceeds before depletion of the cash surrender value of the policy by operation of an automatic-premium-loan provision or other nonforfeiture provision contained in the policy, the operation HB4813 - 8 - LRB101 16417 LNS 65796 b

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does not prevent the policy from maturing or terminating.

(f) If the apparent owner has another property with the holder to which Section 201(6) applies, then activity directed by an apparent owner in any other accounts, including loan accounts, at a financial organization holding an inactive account of the apparent owner shall be an indication of interest in all such accounts if:

8 (A) the apparent owner engages in one or more of 9 the following activities:

10 (i) the apparent owner undertakes one or more 11 of the actions described in subsection (b) of this 12 Section regarding any <u>of the other accounts the</u> 13 <u>apparent owner has with the financial organization</u> 14 <u>account that appears on a consolidated statement</u> 15 <u>with the inactive account;</u>

16 (ii) the apparent owner increases or decreases 17 the amount of funds in any other account the 18 apparent owner has with the financial 19 organization; or

(iii) the apparent owner engages in any other relationship with the financial organization, including payment of any amounts due on a loan; and (B) the foregoing apply so long as the mailing address for the apparent owner in the financial organization's books and records is the same for both the inactive account and the active account.

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1 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18.)

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(765 ILCS 1026/15-503)

Sec. 15-503. Notice by administrator.

4 (a) The administrator shall give notice to an apparent 5 owner that property presumed abandoned and appears to be owned 6 by the apparent owner is held by the administrator under this 7 Act.

8 (b) In providing notice under subsection (a), the 9 administrator shall:

10 (1) except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), send 11 written notice by first-class United States mail to each 12 apparent owner of property valued at \$100 or more held by 13 the administrator, unless the administrator determines 14 that a mailing by first-class United States mail would not 15 be received by the apparent owner, and, in the case of a 16 security held in an account for which the apparent owner had consented to receiving electronic mail from the holder, 17 send notice by electronic mail if the electronic-mail 18 19 address of the apparent owner is known to the administrator 20 instead of by first-class United States mail; or

(2) send the notice to the apparent owner's
electronic-mail address if the administrator does not have
a valid United States mail address for an apparent owner,
but has an electronic-mail address that the administrator
does not know to be invalid.

1 (c) In addition to the notice under subsection (b), the 2 administrator shall:

3 (1) publish every 6 months in at least one English 4 language newspaper of general circulation in each county in 5 this State notice of property held by the administrator 6 which must include:

7 (A) the total value of property received by the
8 administrator during the preceding 6-month period,
9 taken from the reports under Section 15-401;

(B) the total value of claims paid by the
 administrator during the preceding 6-month period;

12 (C) the Internet web address of the unclaimed13 property website maintained by the administrator;

(D) <u>an</u> a telephone number and electronic-mail
address to contact the administrator to inquire about
or claim property; and

17 (E) a statement that a person may access the 18 Internet by a computer to search for unclaimed property 19 and a computer may be available as a service to the 20 public at a local public library.

(2) The administrator shall maintain a website accessible by the public and electronically searchable which contains the names reported to the administrator of apparent owners for whom property is being held by the administrator. The administrator need not list property on such website when: no owner name was reported, a claim has

been initiated or is pending for the property, the administrator has made direct contact with the apparent owner of the property, and in other instances where the administrator reasonably believes exclusion of the property is in the best interests of both the State and the owner of the property.

7 (d) The website or database maintained under subsection 8 (c)(2) must include instructions for filing with the 9 administrator a claim to property and an online claim form with 10 instructions. The website may also provide a printable claim 11 form with instructions for its use.

12 (e) Tax return identification of apparent owners of13 abandoned property.

14 (1) At least annually the administrator shall notify 15 the Department of Revenue of the names of persons appearing 16 to be owners of abandoned property under this Section. The 17 administrator shall also provide to the Department of 18 Revenue the social security numbers of the persons, if 19 available. The administrator does not need to notify the 20 Department of Revenue of the names or social security 21 numbers of apparent owners of abandoned property if he or 22 she reasonably believes that the Department of Revenue will 23 be unable to provide information that would provide 24 sufficient evidence to establish that the person in the 25 Department of Revenue's records is the apparent owner of 26 unclaimed property in the custody of the administrator.

1 (2)Department of Revenue shall notify The the administrator if any person under subsection (e)(1) has 2 3 filed an Illinois income tax return and shall provide the administrator with the last known address of the person as 4 5 it appears in Department of Revenue records, except as 6 prohibited by federal law. The Department of Revenue may 7 also provide additional addresses for the same taxpayer 8 from the records of the Department, except as prohibited by 9 federal law.

10 (3) In order to facilitate the return of property under 11 this subsection, the administrator and the Department of 12 Revenue may enter into an interagency agreement concerning 13 protection of confidential information, data match rules, 14 and other issues.

15 (4) The administrator may deliver, as provided under 16 Section 15-904 of this Act, property or pay the amount 17 owing to a person matched under this Section without the 18 person filing a claim under Section 15-903 of this Act if 19 the following conditions are met:

20 (A) the value of the property that is owed the
21 person is \$2,000 or less;

(B) the property is not either tangible property orsecurities;

(C) the last known address for the person according
to the Department of Revenue records is less than 12
months old; and

1 (D) the administrator has evidence sufficient to 2 establish that the person who appears in Department of 3 Revenue records is the owner of the property and the 4 owner currently resides at the last known address from 5 the Department of Revenue.

6 (5) If the value of the property that is owed the 7 person is greater than \$2,000, or is tangible property or 8 securities the administrator shall provide notice to the 9 person, informing the person that he or she is the owner of 10 abandoned property held by the State and may file a claim 11 with the administrator for return of the property.

12 (f) The administrator may use additional databases to 13 verify the identity of the person and that the person currently 14 resides at the last known address. The administrator may 15 utilize publicly and commercially available databases to find 16 and update or add information for apparent owners of property 17 held by the administrator.

(g) In addition to giving notice under subsection (b), 18 19 publishing the information under subsection (c)(1)and 20 maintaining the website or database under subsection (c) (2), 21 the administrator may use other printed publication, 22 telecommunication, the Internet, or other media to inform the 23 public of the existence of unclaimed property held by the 24 administrator.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18; 100-566, eff. 1-1-18.)

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(765 ILCS 1026/15-603)

2 Sec. 15-603. Payment or delivery of property to 3 administrator.

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, on filing
5 a report under Section 15-401, the holder shall pay or deliver
6 to the administrator the property described in the report.

7 (b) If property in a report under Section 15-401 is an 8 automatically renewable time deposit and the holder determines 9 that a penalty or forfeiture in the payment of interest would 10 result from paying the deposit to the administrator at the time 11 of the report, the date for reporting and delivering payment of 12 the property to the administrator is extended until a penalty or forfeiture no longer would result from delivery of the 13 14 property to the administrator. The holder shall report and deliver the property on the next regular date prescribed for 15 16 reporting by the holder under this Act after this extended 17 date, and the holder shall indicate in its report to the administrator that the property is being reported on an 18 19 extended date pursuant to this subsection (b) payment, if the 20 holder informs the administrator of the extended date.

(c) Tangible property in a safe-deposit box may not be delivered to the administrator until a mutually agreed upon date that is no sooner than 60 days after filing the report under Section 15-401.

(d) If property reported to the administrator under Section
15-401 is a security, the administrator may:

1 (1) make an endorsement, instruction, or entitlement 2 order on behalf of the apparent owner to invoke the duty of 3 the issuer, its transfer agent, or the securities 4 intermediary to transfer the security; or

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(2) dispose of the security under Section 15-702.

6 (e) If the holder of property reported to the administrator 7 under Section 15-401 is the issuer of a certificated security, 8 the administrator may obtain a replacement certificate in 9 physical or book-entry form under Section 8-405 of the Uniform 10 Commercial Code. An indemnity bond is not required.

11 (f) The administrator shall establish procedures for the 12 registration, issuance, method of delivery, transfer, and 13 maintenance of securities delivered to the administrator by a 14 holder.

(g) An issuer, holder, and transfer agent or other person acting in good faith under this Section under instructions of and on behalf of the issuer or holder is not liable to the apparent owner for a claim arising with respect to property after the property has been delivered to the administrator.

20 (h) А holder is not required to deliver to the 21 administrator a security identified by the holder as a 22 non-freely transferable security in a report filed under 23 Section 15-401. If the administrator or holder determines that a security is no longer a non-freely transferable security, the 24 25 holder shall report and deliver the security on the next 26 regular date prescribed for delivery of securities by the

<u>holder</u> under this Act. The holder shall make a determination annually whether a security identified in a report filed under Section 15-401 as a non-freely transferable security is no longer a non-freely transferable security.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18.)

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(765 ILCS 1026/15-1002.1)

Sec. 15-1002.1. Examination of State-regulated financial
organizations.

9 (a) Notwithstanding Section 15-1002 of this Act, for any 10 financial organization for which the Department of Financial 11 and Professional Regulation is the primary prudential 12 regulator, the administrator shall not examine such financial institution unless the administrator has consulted with the 13 Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation and the 14 15 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has not 16 examined such financial organization for compliance with this Act within the past 5 years. The Secretary of Financial and 17 Professional Regulation may waive in writing the provisions of 18 19 this subsection (a) in order to permit the administrator to 20 examine a financial organization or group of financial 21 organizations for compliance with this Act.

(b) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the administrator from examining a financial organization for which the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is not the primary prudential regulator. Further, nothing in

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1	this Act shall be construed to limit the authority of the
2	Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to examine
3	financial organizations.
4	(c) Notwithstanding Section 15-1002, the administrator
5	may, at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice:
6	(1) examine the records of a financial organization
7	that is a federally chartered bank, savings bank, or credit
8	union if the administrator has reason to believe that the
9	financial organization has failed to comply with this Act;
10	(2) issue an administrative subpoena requiring the
11	financial organization or an agent of the financial
12	organization to make records available for examination;
13	and
14	(3) bring an action seeking judicial enforcement of the
15	subpoena.
16	The administrator may adopt administrative rules that
17	specify conditions under which the administrator has a reason
18	to believe that a financial organization is not in compliance
19	with this Act.
20	(Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18; 100-566, eff. 1-1-18;
21	101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)
22	(765 ILCS 1026/15-1004)
23	Sec. 15-1004. Records obtained in examination. Records

23 Sec. 15-1004. Records obtained in examination. Records 24 obtained and records, including work papers, compiled by the 25 administrator <u>or administrator's agent</u> in the course of 1 conducting an examination under Section 15-1002 or Section
2 15-1002.1:

3 (1) are subject to the confidentiality and security 4 provisions of Article 14 and are exempt from disclosure 5 under the Freedom of Information Act;

6 (2) may be used by the administrator in an action to 7 collect property or otherwise enforce this Act;

8 (3) may be used in a joint examination conducted with 9 another state, the United States, a foreign country or 10 subordinate unit of a foreign country, or any other 11 governmental entity if the governmental entity conducting 12 examination is legally bound to maintain the the confidentiality and security of information obtained from 13 14 a person subject to examination in a manner substantially 15 equivalent to Article 14;

16 (4) may be disclosed, on request, to the person that 17 administers the unclaimed property law of another state for state's in circumstances 18 that use equivalent to 19 circumstances described in this Article, if the other state 20 is required to maintain the confidentiality and security of 21 information obtained in a manner substantially equivalent to Article 14; 22

(5) must be produced by the administrator under an administrative or judicial subpoena or administrative or court order; and

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(6) must be produced by the administrator on request of

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- the person subject to the examination in an administrative
 or judicial proceeding relating to the property.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 4 (765 ILCS 1026/15-1401)

5 Sec. 15-1401. Confidential information.

6 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, (a) information that is confidential under law of this State other 7 than this Act, another state, or the United States, including 8 9 "private information" as defined in the Freedom of Information 10 Act and "personal information" as defined in the Personal 11 Information Protection Act, continues to be confidential when 12 disclosed or delivered under this Act to the administrator or 13 administrator's agent.

(b) Information provided in reports filed pursuant to
Section 15-401, information obtained in the course of an
examination pursuant to Section 15-1002 or Section 15-1002.1,
and the database required by Section 15-503 is exempt from
disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

(c) If reasonably necessary to enforce or implement this Act, the administrator or the administrator's agent may disclose confidential information concerning property held by the administrator or the administrator's agent to:

(1) an apparent owner or the apparent owner's
representative under the Probate Act of 1975, attorney,
other legal representative, or relative;

1 (2) the representative under the Probate Act of 1975, 2 other legal representative, relative of a deceased 3 apparent owner, or a person entitled to inherit from the 4 deceased apparent owner;

5 (3) another department or agency of this State or the
6 United States;

7 (4) the person that administers the unclaimed property 8 law of another state, if the other state accords 9 substantially reciprocal privileges to the administrator 10 of this State if the other state is required to maintain 11 the confidentiality and security of information obtained 12 in a manner substantially equivalent to Article 14;

(5) a person subject to an examination as required bySection 15-1004; and

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(6) an agent of the administrator.

16 (d) The administrator may include on the website or in the 17 database the names and addresses of apparent owners of property held by the administrator as provided in Section 15-503. The 18 19 administrator may include in published notices, printed 20 publications, telecommunications, the Internet, or other media and on the website or in the database additional information 21 22 concerning the apparent owner's property if the administrator 23 believes the information will assist in identifying and 24 returning property to the owner and does not disclose personal 25 information as defined in the Personal Information Protection 26 Act.

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1 (e) The administrator and the administrator's agent may not 2 use confidential information provided to them or in their 3 possession except as expressly authorized by this Act or 4 required by law other than this Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18; 100-566, eff. 1-1-18.)

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(765 ILCS 1026/15-1402)

Sec. 15-1402. Confidentiality agreement. A person to be examined under Section 15-1002 <u>or Section 15-1002.1</u> may require, as a condition of disclosure of the records of the person to be examined, that the administrator or the administrator's agent execute and deliver to the person to be examined a confidentiality agreement that:

(1) is in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the
administrator; and

(2) requires the person having access to the records to
comply with the provisions of this Article applicable to
the person.

18 (Source: P.A. 100-22, eff. 1-1-18.)

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