

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 Administrative Procedure Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 5-45.35 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.35 new)

7 Sec. 5-45.35. Emergency rulemaking; this amendatory Act of  
8 the 103rd General Assembly. To provide for the expeditious and  
9 timely implementation of this amendatory Act of the 103rd  
10 General Assembly, emergency rules implementing this amendatory  
11 Act of the 103rd General Assembly may be adopted in accordance  
12 with Section 5-45 by the Department of Financial and  
13 Professional Regulation. The adoption of emergency rules  
14 authorized by Section 5-45 and this Section is deemed to be  
15 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

16 This Section is repealed one year after the effective date  
17 of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

18 Section 10. The Department of Professional Regulation Law  
19 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by  
20 adding Section 2105-380 as follows:

21 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-380 new)

1       Sec. 2105-380. Extension of expiration dates or renewal  
2 periods for specified licenses, registrations, or  
3 certificates.

4       (a) If the Secretary finds that there is a significant  
5 operational need to do so or that it is necessary to do so to  
6 avoid undue hardship on a class of individuals whose  
7 professional licenses, registrations, or certificates are  
8 issued by the Department, then the Secretary shall extend the  
9 expiration date or renewal period of the license,  
10 registration, or certificate of those individuals for a period  
11 not to exceed the standard renewal period for those licenses,  
12 registrations, or certificates. Factors that may be considered  
13 by the Secretary when determining whether to extend the  
14 expiration date or renewal period shall include, but are not  
15 limited to:

16           (1) the number of applications pending;

17           (2) the percentage of applicants or licensees,  
18 registrants, or certificate holders waiting for Department  
19 action on their applications compared to the number of  
20 licensees, registrants, or certificate holders in the  
21 profession;

22           (3) the number of licenses, registrations, or  
23 certificates that have expired while pending Department  
24 action on renewal;

25           (4) whether there is a shortage of licensees,  
26 registrants, or certificate holders providing the

1 professional service;

2 (5) the potential impact on the Department's  
3 operational budget; and

4 (6) any other licensing-related factors that are  
5 deemed relevant by the Department and are prescribed by  
6 rule.

7 (b) The Secretary shall waive the payment of late fees for  
8 a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder in a profession  
9 whose expiration date or renewal period has been extended  
10 under this Section and in those cases where Department  
11 processing delays result in the expiration of a license,  
12 registration, or certificate.

13 (c) The Department may adopt rules or emergency rules to  
14 implement and administer this Section.

15 (d) This Section is repealed one year after the effective  
16 date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

17 Section 15. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by  
18 adding Section 20-25.2 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 500/20-25.2 new)

20 Sec. 20-25.2. Procurement of licensing software by the  
21 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

22 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or  
23 any law to the contrary, the Department of Financial and  
24 Professional Regulation shall identify a method of source

1 selection that will make it possible to implement a software  
2 solution to support the Department's mandates to enforce the  
3 professional licensing Acts that it administers and rules  
4 adopted under those Acts. The source selection method  
5 identified by the Department is not limited to those otherwise  
6 set forth in this Code. The software solution selected by the  
7 Department shall electronically provide for the issuance of  
8 licenses, registrations, or certificates issued by the  
9 Department in accordance with the professional Acts and rules  
10 that it administers, shall provide for the electronic  
11 processing of license, registration, or certificate fees and  
12 fine payments, shall interface with third-party applications  
13 necessary for the fulfillment of licensing requirements, shall  
14 provide applicants and licensees, registrants, or certificate  
15 holders with online access to license, registration, or  
16 certificate status and history, and shall provide for  
17 oversight and enforcement of the professional Acts  
18 administered by the Department.

19 (b) The method of source selection shall be by an  
20 expedited, competitive process approved by the Department's  
21 Chief Procurement Officer. All potential contractors shall be  
22 registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway vendor portal  
23 prior to contract execution.

24 (c) Except for Sections 5-5, 5-7, 10-10, 20-80, 20-120,  
25 20-155, 20-160, and 25-60 and Article 50 of this Code and any  
26 rules adopted under those Sections and Article, this Code does

1 not apply to procurements required by this Section  
2 notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any law to  
3 the contrary.

4 (d) The contracts for the software solution shall be  
5 executed no later than 90 days after the effective date of this  
6 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly. Implementation  
7 of the software solution shall begin no later than 90 days  
8 after the contract execution date.

9 (e) The Department of Financial and Professional  
10 Regulation shall consult with the Department of Innovation and  
11 Technology to ensure the resulting contracts provide  
12 cybersecurity protection and are consistent with information  
13 technology standards as determined by the Department of  
14 Innovation and Technology. The term of the contracts shall not  
15 exceed 10 years.

16 (f) The Department of Financial and Professional  
17 Regulation shall publish notice of each contract entered into  
18 under this Section in the Procurement Bulletin within 14  
19 calendar days after the execution of the contract. The  
20 Department's Chief Procurement Officer shall prescribe the  
21 form and content of the notice. A copy of the contract shall be  
22 made available to the Department's Chief Procurement Officer  
23 immediately upon request.

24 (g) This Section is inoperative one year after effective  
25 date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.