

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 Department of Professional Regulation Law
5 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 adding Section 2105-370 and 2105-375 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-370 new)

8 Sec. 2105-370. Continuing education; cultural competency.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Cultural competency" means a set of integrated attitudes,
11 knowledge, and skills that enables a health care professional
12 or organization to care effectively for patients from diverse
13 cultures, groups, and communities.

14 "Health care professional" means a person licensed or
15 registered by the Department under the following Acts: the
16 Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Nurse Practice Act, the
17 Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, the Illinois Optometric
18 Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the
19 Pharmacy Practice Act, the Physician Assistant Practice Act of
20 1987, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act,
21 the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary
22 Act, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, the
23 Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Respiratory Care

1 Practice Act, the Professional Counselor and Clinical
2 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, the
3 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act,
4 the Illinois Dental Practice Act, the Illinois Dental Practice
5 Act, or the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act.

6 (b) For health care professional license or registration
7 renewals occurring on or after January 1, 2025, a health care
8 professional who has continuing education requirements must
9 complete at least a one-hour course in training on cultural
10 competency. A health care professional may count this one hour
11 for completion of this course toward meeting the minimum
12 credit hours required for continuing education.

13 (c) The Department may adopt rules for the implementation
14 of this Section.

15 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-375 new)

16 Sec. 2105-375. Limitation on specific statutorily mandated
17 training requirements.

18 (a) As used in this Section:

19 "Health care professional" means a person licensed or
20 registered by the Department under the following Acts: the
21 Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Nurse Practice Act, the
22 Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, the Illinois Optometric
23 Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the
24 Pharmacy Practice Act, the Physician Assistant Practice Act of
25 1987, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act,

1 the Nursing Home Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary
2 Act, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, the
3 Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Respiratory Care
4 Practice Act, the Professional Counselor and Clinical
5 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, the
6 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act,
7 the Illinois Dental Practice Act, the Illinois Dental Practice
8 Act, or the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act.

9 "Statutorily mandated topics" means continuing education
10 training as specified by statute, including, but not limited
11 to, training required under Sections 2105-365 and 2105-370.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for health
13 care professional license or registration renewals occurring
14 on or after January 1, 2025, a health care professional whose
15 license or registration renewal occurs every 2 years must
16 complete all statutorily mandated topics within 3 renewal
17 periods. If any additional statutorily mandated topics are
18 added by law after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
19 the 103rd General Assembly, then a health care professional
20 whose license or registration renewal occurs every 2 years
21 must complete all statutorily mandated topics within 4 renewal
22 periods.

23 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for health
24 care professional license or registration renewals occurring
25 on or after January 1, 2025, a health care professional whose
26 license or registration renewal occurs every 3 years must

1 complete all statutorily mandated topics within 2 renewal
2 periods. If any additional statutorily mandated topics are
3 added by law after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
4 the 103rd General Assembly, then a health care professional
5 whose license or registration renewal occurs every 3 years
6 must complete all statutorily mandated topics within 3 renewal
7 periods.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to
9 the contrary, the implicit bias awareness training required
10 under Section 2105-15.7 and the sexual harassment prevention
11 training required under Section 2105-15.5 must be completed as
12 provided by law.

13 (d-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section
14 to the contrary, the Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
15 training required under Section 2105-365 must be completed
16 prior to the end of the health care professional's first
17 license renewal period, and thereafter in accordance with this
18 Section.

19 (e) The Department shall maintain on its website
20 information regarding the current requirements for the
21 specific statutorily mandated topics.

22 (f) Each license or permit application or renewal form the
23 Department provides to a health care professional must include
24 a notification regarding the current specific statutorily
25 mandated topics.

1 Section 10. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act is
2 amended by changing Section 315.5 as follows:

3 (720 ILCS 570/315.5)

4 Sec. 315.5. Opioid education for prescribers. In
5 accordance with the requirement for prescribers of controlled
6 substances to undergo training under Section 1263 of the
7 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328),
8 every ~~Every~~ prescriber who is licensed to prescribe controlled
9 substances shall, during the pre-renewal period, complete one
10 hour ~~3—hours~~ of continuing education on safe opioid
11 prescribing practices offered or accredited by a professional
12 association, State government agency, or federal government
13 agency. Notwithstanding any individual licensing Act or
14 administrative rule, a prescriber may count this hour ~~these 3~~
15 ~~hours~~ toward the total continuing education hours required for
16 renewal of a professional license. Continuing education on
17 safe opioid prescribing practices applied to meet any other
18 State licensure requirement or professional accreditation or
19 certification requirement may be used toward the requirement
20 under this Section. The Department of Financial and
21 Professional Regulation may adopt rules for the administration
22 of this Section.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-1106, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
25 1, 2025.