

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 Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 50-10, 55-10, 60-10, and 65-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/50-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/5-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 50-10. Definitions. Each of the following terms, when
9 used in this Act, shall have the meaning ascribed to it in this
10 Section, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Academic year" means the customary annual schedule of
12 courses at a college, university, or approved school,
13 customarily regarded as the school year as distinguished from
14 the calendar year.

15 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
16 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application
17 file or license file as maintained by the Department's
18 licensure maintenance unit.

19 "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN" means a
20 person who has met the qualifications for a (i) certified
21 nurse midwife (CNM); (ii) certified nurse practitioner (CNP);
22 (iii) certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or (iv)
23 clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and has been licensed by the

1 Department. All advanced practice registered nurses licensed
2 and practicing in the State of Illinois shall use the title
3 APRN and may use specialty credentials CNM, CNP, CRNA, or CNS
4 after their name. All advanced practice registered nurses may
5 only practice in accordance with national certification and
6 this Act.

7 "Advisory Board" means the Illinois Nursing Workforce
8 Center Advisory Board.

9 "Approved program of professional nursing education" and
10 "approved program of practical nursing education" are programs
11 of professional or practical nursing, respectively, approved
12 by the Department under the provisions of this Act.

13 "Board" means the Board of Nursing appointed by the
14 Secretary.

15 "Center" means the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center.

16 "Collaboration" means a process involving 2 or more health
17 care professionals working together, each contributing one's
18 respective area of expertise to provide more comprehensive
19 patient care.

20 "Competence" means an expected and measurable level of
21 performance that integrates knowledge, skills, abilities, and
22 judgment based on established scientific knowledge and
23 expectations for nursing practice.

24 "Comprehensive nursing assessment" means the gathering of
25 information about the patient's physiological, psychological,
26 sociological, and spiritual status on an ongoing basis by a

1 registered professional nurse and is the first step in
2 implementing and guiding the nursing plan of care.

3 "Consultation" means the process whereby an advanced
4 practice registered nurse seeks the advice or opinion of
5 another health care professional.

6 "Credentialed" means the process of assessing and
7 validating the qualifications of a health care professional.

8 "Dentist" means a person licensed to practice dentistry
9 under the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

10 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
11 Professional Regulation.

12 "Email address of record" means the designated email
13 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
14 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained
15 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

16 "Focused nursing assessment" means an appraisal of an
17 individual's status and current situation, contributing to the
18 comprehensive nursing assessment performed by the registered
19 professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse or
20 the assessment by the physician assistant, physician, dentist,
21 podiatric physician, or other licensed health care
22 professional, as determined by the Department, supporting
23 ongoing data collection, and deciding who needs to be informed
24 of the information and when to inform.

25 "Full practice authority" means the authority of an
26 advanced practice registered nurse licensed in Illinois and

1 certified as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist,
2 or nurse midwife to practice without a written collaborative
3 agreement and:

4 (1) to be fully accountable to patients for the
5 quality of advanced nursing care rendered;

6 (2) to be fully accountable for recognizing limits of
7 knowledge and experience and for planning for the
8 management of situations beyond the advanced practice
9 registered nurse's expertise; the full practice authority
10 for advanced practice registered nurses includes accepting
11 referrals from, consulting with, collaborating with, or
12 referring to other health care professionals as warranted
13 by the needs of the patient; and

14 (3) to possess the authority to prescribe medications,
15 including Schedule II through V controlled substances, as
16 provided in Section 65-43.

17 "Full practice authority-pending advanced practice
18 registered nurse" means an advanced practice registered nurse
19 licensed in Illinois and certified as a nurse practitioner,
20 clinical nurse specialist, or nurse midwife who has provided a
21 notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of
22 continuing education or training in the advanced practice
23 registered nurse's area of certification and at least 4,000
24 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national
25 certification and who has submitted an application to the
26 Department to be granted full practice authority.

1 "Hospital affiliate" means a corporation, partnership,
2 joint venture, limited liability company, or similar
3 organization, other than a hospital, that is devoted primarily
4 to the provision, management, or support of health care
5 services and that directly or indirectly controls, is
6 controlled by, or is under common control of the hospital. For
7 the purposes of this definition, "control" means having at
8 least an equal or a majority ownership or membership interest.
9 A hospital affiliate shall be 100% owned or controlled by any
10 combination of hospitals, their parent corporations, or
11 physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches
12 in Illinois. "Hospital affiliate" does not include a health
13 maintenance organization regulated under the Health
14 Maintenance Organization Act.

15 "Impaired nurse" means a nurse licensed under this Act who
16 is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because
17 of a physical or mental disability as evidenced by a written
18 determination or written consent based on clinical evidence,
19 including loss of motor skills, abuse of drugs or alcohol, or a
20 psychiatric disorder, of sufficient degree to diminish his or
21 her ability to deliver competent patient care.

22 "License-pending advanced practice registered nurse" means
23 a registered professional nurse who has completed all
24 requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered
25 nurse except the certification examination and has applied to
26 take the next available certification exam and received a

1 temporary permit from the Department.

2 "License-pending registered nurse" means a person who has
3 passed the Department-approved registered nurse licensure exam
4 and has applied for a license from the Department. A
5 license-pending registered nurse shall use the title "RN lic
6 pend" on all documentation related to nursing practice.

7 "Nursing intervention" means any treatment based on
8 clinical nursing judgment or knowledge that a nurse performs.
9 An individual or entity shall not mandate that a registered
10 professional nurse delegate nursing interventions if the
11 registered professional nurse determines it is inappropriate
12 to do so. A nurse shall not be subject to disciplinary or any
13 other adverse action for refusing to delegate a nursing
14 intervention based on patient safety.

15 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine
16 in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

17 "Podiatric physician" means a person licensed to practice
18 podiatry under the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987.

19 "Practical nurse" or "licensed practical nurse" means a
20 person who is licensed as a practical nurse under this Act and
21 practices practical nursing as defined in this Act. Only a
22 practical nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use the
23 title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation
24 "L.P.N."

25 "Practical nursing" means the performance of nursing
26 interventions requiring the nursing knowledge, judgment, and

1 skill acquired by means of completion of an approved practical
2 nursing education program. Practical nursing includes
3 assisting in the nursing process under the guidance of a
4 registered professional nurse or an advanced practice
5 registered nurse. The practical nurse may work under the
6 direction of a licensed physician, dentist, podiatric
7 physician, or other health care professional determined by the
8 Department.

9 "Privileged" means the authorization granted by the
10 governing body of a healthcare facility, agency, or
11 organization to provide specific patient care services within
12 well-defined limits, based on qualifications reviewed in the
13 credentialing process.

14 "Registered Nurse" or "Registered Professional Nurse"
15 means a person who is licensed as a professional nurse under
16 this Act and practices nursing as defined in this Act. Only a
17 registered nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use
18 the titles "registered nurse" and "registered professional
19 nurse" and the abbreviation, "R.N.".

20 "Registered professional nursing practice" means a
21 scientific process founded on a professional body of knowledge
22 that includes, but is not limited to, the protection,
23 promotion, and optimization of health and abilities,
24 prevention of illness and injury, development and
25 implementation of the nursing plan of care, facilitation of
26 nursing interventions to alleviate suffering, care

1 coordination, and advocacy in the care of individuals,
2 families, groups, communities, and populations. "Registered
3 professional nursing practice" does not include the act of
4 medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or
5 corrective measures.

6 "Professional assistance program for nurses" means a
7 professional assistance program that meets criteria
8 established by the Board of Nursing and approved by the
9 Secretary, which provides a non-disciplinary treatment
10 approach for nurses licensed under this Act whose ability to
11 practice is compromised by alcohol or chemical substance
12 addiction.

13 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
14 Professional Regulation.

15 "Unencumbered license" means a license issued in good
16 standing.

17 "Written collaborative agreement" means a written
18 agreement between an advanced practice registered nurse and a
19 collaborating physician, dentist, or podiatric physician
20 pursuant to Section 65-35.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

22 (225 ILCS 65/55-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/10-30)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

24 Sec. 55-10. LPN licensure by examination.

25 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements

1 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a licensed
2 practical nurse.

3 (b) An applicant for licensure by examination to practice
4 as a practical nurse is eligible for licensure when the
5 following requirements are met:

6 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written
7 application on forms provided by the Department and fees
8 as established by the Department;

9 (2) the applicant has graduated from a practical
10 nursing education program approved by the Department or
11 has been granted a certificate of completion of
12 pre-licensure requirements from another United States
13 jurisdiction;

14 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a
15 licensure examination approved by the Department;

16 (4) (blank);

17 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal
18 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this
19 Act;

20 (6) the applicant has submitted either to the
21 Department or its designated testing service, a fee
22 covering the cost of providing the examination. Failure to
23 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the
24 time and place specified after the applicant's application
25 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the
26 Department or the designated testing service shall result

1 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

2 (7) the applicant has met all other requirements
3 established by rule.

4 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination
5 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to
6 pass an examination for a license under this Act within 3 years
7 of the date of initial application, the application shall be
8 denied. When an applicant's application is denied due to the
9 failure to pass the examination within the 3-year period, that
10 applicant must undertake an additional course of education as
11 defined by rule prior to submitting a new application for
12 licensure. Any new application must be accompanied by the
13 required fee, evidence of meeting the requirements in force at
14 the time of the new application, and evidence of completion of
15 the additional course of education prescribed by rule.

16 An applicant may take and successfully complete a
17 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.
18 However, an applicant who has never been licensed previously
19 in any jurisdiction that utilizes a Department-approved
20 examination and who has taken and failed to pass the
21 examination within 3 years after filing the application must
22 submit proof of successful completion of a
23 Department-authorized nursing education program or
24 recompletion of an approved licensed practical nursing program
25 prior to re-application.

26 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have

1 one year from the date of notification of successful
2 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a
3 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the
4 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination
5 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

6 (d) A licensed practical nurse applicant who passes the
7 Department-approved licensure examination and has applied to
8 the Department for licensure may obtain employment as a
9 license-pending practical nurse and practice as delegated by a
10 registered professional nurse or an advanced practice
11 registered nurse or physician. An individual may be employed
12 as a license-pending practical nurse if all of the following
13 criteria are met:

14 (1) He or she has completed and passed the
15 Department-approved licensure exam and presents to the
16 employer the official written notification indicating
17 successful passage of the licensure examination.

18 (2) He or she has completed and submitted to the
19 Department an application for licensure under this Section
20 as a practical nurse.

21 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure
22 fee.

23 (4) He or she has met all other requirements
24 established by rule, including having submitted to a
25 criminal history records check.

26 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending

1 practical nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of
2 the following:

3 (1) Six ~~Three~~ months have passed since the official
4 date of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the
5 formal written notification indicating passage of the
6 exam. This 6-month ~~3-month~~ period may be extended as
7 determined by rule.

8 (2) Receipt of the practical nurse license from the
9 Department.

10 (3) Notification from the Department that the
11 application for licensure has been denied.

12 (4) A request by the Department that the individual
13 terminate practicing as a license-pending practical nurse
14 until an official decision is made by the Department to
15 grant or deny a practical nurse license.

16 (f) (Blank).

17 (g) All applicants for practical nurse licensure by
18 examination who are graduates of nursing educational programs
19 in a country other than the United States or its territories
20 shall have their nursing education credentials evaluated by a
21 Department-approved nursing credentialing evaluation service.
22 No such applicant may be issued a license under this Act unless
23 the applicant's program is deemed by the nursing credentialing
24 evaluation service to be equivalent to a professional nursing
25 education program approved by the Department. An applicant who
26 has graduated from a nursing educational program outside of

1 the United States or its territories and whose first language
2 is not English shall submit evidence of English proficiency,
3 as defined by rule.

4 (h) (Blank).

5 (i) (Blank).

6 (j) (Blank).

7 (k) (Blank).

8 (l) (Blank).

9 (m) All applicants for practical nurse licensure have 3
10 years from the date of application to complete the application
11 process. If the process has not been completed within 3 years
12 from the date of application, the application shall be denied,
13 the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the
14 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

15 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)

16 (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

18 Sec. 60-10. RN licensure by examination.

19 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements
20 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered
21 professional nurse.

22 (b) An applicant for licensure by examination to practice
23 as a registered professional nurse is eligible for licensure
24 when the following requirements are met:

25 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written

1 application, on forms provided by the Department, and
2 fees, as established by the Department;

3 (2) the applicant has graduated from a professional
4 nursing education program approved by the Department or
5 has been granted a certificate of completion of
6 pre-licensure requirements from another United States
7 jurisdiction;

8 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a
9 licensure examination approved by the Department;

10 (4) (blank);

11 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal
12 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this
13 Act;

14 (6) the applicant has submitted, either to the
15 Department or its designated testing service, a fee
16 covering the cost of providing the examination; failure to
17 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the
18 time and place specified after the applicant's application
19 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the
20 Department or the designated testing service shall result
21 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

22 (7) the applicant has met all other requirements
23 established by the Department by rule.

24 An applicant for licensure by examination may take the
25 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.

26 (b-3) An applicant who graduates from a professional

1 nursing program in this State on or after the effective date of
2 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and does not
3 take the licensure examination within 180 days after his or
4 her degree is conferred by the institution of higher education
5 or fails the licensure examination for a second time shall be
6 required to demonstrate proof of completion of a National
7 Council Licensure Examination preparatory class or a
8 comparable test preparatory program before taking a subsequent
9 licensure examination or the graduate may return to the
10 institution of higher education from which he or she graduated
11 which shall provide remedial educational resources to the
12 graduate at no cost to the graduate. Such an applicant must
13 contact the institution of higher education from which he or
14 she graduated prior to retesting.

15 (b-4) All professional nursing programs in probationary
16 status on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
17 103rd General Assembly and subject to a program revision plan
18 shall be deemed in good standing for a period of 3 years
19 beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
20 103rd General Assembly. Prior to September 1, 2026, no
21 professional nursing program shall be placed on probationary
22 status for failing to reach a passage rate of less than 75%.

23 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination
24 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to
25 pass an examination for a license within 3 years of the date of
26 initial application, the application shall be denied. When an

1 applicant's application is denied due to the failure to pass
2 the examination within the 3-year period, that applicant must
3 undertake an additional course of education as defined by rule
4 prior to submitting a new application for licensure. Any new
5 application must be accompanied by the required fee, evidence
6 of meeting the requirements in force at the time of the new
7 application, and evidence of completion of the additional
8 course of education prescribed by rule.

9 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have
10 one year after the date of notification of the successful
11 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a
12 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the
13 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination
14 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

15 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who passes
16 the Department-approved licensure examination for professional
17 nursing may obtain employment as a license-pending registered
18 nurse and practice under the direction of a registered
19 professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse
20 until such time as he or she receives his or her license to
21 practice or until the license is denied. In no instance shall
22 any such applicant practice or be employed in any management
23 capacity. An individual may be employed as a license-pending
24 registered nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

- 25 (1) He or she has completed and passed the
26 Department-approved licensure exam and presents to the

1 employer the official written notification indicating
2 successful passage of the licensure examination.

3 (2) He or she has completed and submitted to the
4 Department an application for licensure under this Section
5 as a registered professional nurse.

6 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure
7 fee.

8 (4) He or she has met all other requirements
9 established by rule, including having submitted to a
10 criminal history records check.

11 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending
12 registered nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of
13 the following:

14 (1) Six ~~Three~~ months have passed since the official
15 date of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the
16 formal written notification indicating passage of the
17 exam. The 6-month license-pending ~~3-month license pending~~
18 period may be extended if more time is needed by the
19 Department to process the licensure application.

20 (2) Receipt of the registered professional nurse
21 license from the Department.

22 (3) Notification from the Department that the
23 application for licensure has been refused.

24 (4) A request by the Department that the individual
25 terminate practicing as a license-pending registered nurse
26 until an official decision is made by the Department to

1 grant or deny a registered professional nurse license.

2 (f) (Blank).

3 (g) (Blank).

4 (h) (Blank).

5 (i) (Blank).

6 (j) (Blank).

7 (k) All applicants for registered professional nurse
8 licensure have 3 years after the date of application to
9 complete the application process. If the process has not been
10 completed within 3 years after the date of application, the
11 application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the
12 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at
13 the time of reapplication.

14 (l) All applicants for registered nurse licensure by
15 examination who are graduates of practical nursing educational
16 programs in a country other than the United States and its
17 territories shall have their nursing education credentials
18 evaluated by a Department-approved nursing credentialing
19 evaluation service. No such applicant may be issued a license
20 under this Act unless the applicant's program is deemed by the
21 nursing credentialing evaluation service to be equivalent to a
22 professional nursing education program approved by the
23 Department. An applicant who has graduated from a nursing
24 educational program outside of the United States or its
25 territories and whose first language is not English shall
26 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

1 (m) (Blank).

2 (Source: P.A. 103-533, eff. 1-1-24.)

3 (225 ILCS 65/65-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-13)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

5 Sec. 65-10. APRN license-pending ~~license pending~~ status.

6 (a) A graduate of an advanced practice registered nursing
7 program may practice in the State of Illinois in the role of
8 certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife,
9 certified nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse
10 anesthetist for not longer than 6 months provided he or she
11 submits all of the following:

12 (1) An application for licensure as an advanced
13 practice registered nurse in Illinois and all fees
14 established by rule.

15 (2) Proof of an application to take the national
16 certification examination in the specialty.

17 (3) Proof of completion of a graduate advanced
18 practice education program that allows the applicant to be
19 eligible for national certification in a clinical advanced
20 practice registered nursing specialty and that allows the
21 applicant to be eligible for licensure in Illinois in the
22 area of his or her specialty.

23 (4) Proof that he or she is licensed in Illinois as a
24 registered professional nurse.

25 (b) License-pending ~~License pending~~ status shall preclude

1 delegation of prescriptive authority.

2 (c) A graduate practicing in accordance with this Section
3 must use the title "license-pending ~~license pending~~ certified
4 clinical nurse specialist", "license-pending ~~license pending~~
5 certified nurse midwife", "license-pending ~~license pending~~
6 certified nurse practitioner", or "license-pending ~~license~~
7 ~~pending~~ certified registered nurse anesthetist", whichever is
8 applicable.

9 (d) A licensed advanced practice registered nurse
10 certified as a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or
11 nurse practitioner who files with the Department a notarized
12 attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing
13 education or training in the advanced practice registered
14 nurse's area of certification and at least 4,000 hours of
15 clinical experience after first attaining national
16 certification and thus having met the requirements to be
17 granted full practice authority shall be granted the authority
18 to practice as a full practice authority-pending advanced
19 practice registered nurse under the supervision of a full
20 practice advanced practice registered nurse or a physician for
21 a period of 6 months.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)