

## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 HB1333

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Paul Jacobs and Tony M. McCombie

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Repeals the Reproductive Health Act. Creates the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025 containing the provisions of the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 before its repeal by Public Act 101-13, as well as provisions defining "viability" to include when, in the medical judgment of the attending physician based on the particular facts of the case before the attending physician, the unborn child has a fetal heartbeat, and defining "fetal heartbeat" as the cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac. Creates the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act of 2025 and the Abortion Performance Refusal Act of 2025 containing the provisions of the Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act and the Abortion Performance Refusal Act before their repeal by Public Act 101-13. Amends various Acts by restoring the language that existed before the amendment of those Acts by Public Act 101-13. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning abortion.

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

4 Article 1.

Assembly of the State of Illinois to reasonably regulate abortion in conformance with the legal standards set forth in the decisions of the United States Supreme Court of January 22, 1973.

Section 2. Definitions. Unless the language or context clearly indicates a different meaning is intended, the following words or phrases for the purpose of this Law shall be given the meaning ascribed to them:

## (1) "Viability" means either:

- (A) that stage of fetal development when, in the medical judgment of the attending physician based on the particular facts of the case before the attending physician, there is a reasonable likelihood of sustained survival of the fetus outside the womb, with or without artificial support; or
- 21 (B) when, in the medical judgment of the attending 22 physician based on the particular facts of the case before

- the attending physician, the unborn child has a fetal heartbeat.
- 3 (2) "Physician" means any person licensed to practice 4 medicine in all its branches under the Illinois Medical 5 Practice Act of 1987.
- 6 (3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.
  - (4) "Abortion" means the use of any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance or device to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with an intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth, or to remove a dead fetus.
  - (5) "Fertilization" and "conception" each mean the fertilization of a human ovum by a human sperm, which shall be deemed to have occurred at the time when it is known a spermatozoon has penetrated the cell membrane of the ovum.
  - (6) "Fetus" and "unborn child" each mean an individual organism of the species homo sapiens from fertilization until live birth.
  - (6.5) "Fetal heartbeat" means cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart within the gestational sac.
  - (7) "Abortifacient" means any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device which is known to cause fetal death when employed in the usual and customary use for which it is manufactured, whether or not the fetus is known to exist

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- when such substance or device is employed.
- 2 (8) "Born alive", "live born", and "live birth", when applied to an individual organism of the species homo sapiens, 3 each mean he or she was completely expelled or extracted from 5 his or her mother and after such separation breathed or showed evidence of any of the following: beating of the heart, 6 pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of 7 voluntary muscles, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy 8 9 and whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the 10 placenta is attached.
  - Section 3.1. Medical judgment. No abortion shall be performed except by a physician after either (a) he or she determines that, in his or her best clinical judgment, the abortion is necessary, or (b) he or she receives a written statement or oral communication by another physician, hereinafter called the "referring physician", certifying that in the referring physician's best clinical judgment the abortion is necessary. Any person who intentionally or knowingly performs an abortion contrary to the requirements of Section 3.1 commits a Class 2 felony.
- 21 Section 5. When fetus is viable.
- 22 (a) When the fetus is viable no abortion shall be 23 performed unless in the medical judgment of the attending or 24 referring physician, based on the particular facts of the case

- 1 before him or her, it is necessary to preserve the life or
- 2 health of the mother. Intentional, knowing, or reckless
- 3 failure to conform to the requirements of this subsection is a
- 4 Class 2 felony.
- 5 (b) When the fetus is viable the physician shall certify
- 6 in writing, on a form prescribed by the Department under
- 7 Section 10, the medical indications which, in his or her
- 8 medical judgment based on the particular facts of the case
- 9 before him or her, warrant performance of the abortion to
- 10 preserve the life or health of the mother.
- 11 Section 6. Abortion methods, restrictions, and
- 12 requirements.
- 13 (1) (a) Any physician who intentionally performs an
- 14 abortion when, in his or her medical judgment based on the
- 15 particular facts of the case before him or her, there is a
- 16 reasonable likelihood of sustained survival of the fetus
- 17 outside the womb, with or without artificial support, shall
- 18 utilize that method of abortion which, of those he or she knows
- 19 to be available, is in his or her medical judgment most likely
- to preserve the life and health of the fetus.
- 21 (b) The physician shall certify in writing, on a form
- 22 prescribed by the Department under Section 10, the available
- 23 methods considered and the reasons for choosing the method
- employed.
- 25 (c) Any physician who intentionally, knowingly, or

1 recklessly violates Section 6(1)(a) commits a Class 3 felony.

- (2) (a) No abortion shall be performed or induced when the fetus is viable unless there is in attendance a physician other than the physician performing or inducing the abortion who shall take control of and provide immediate medical care for any child born alive as a result of the abortion. This requirement shall not apply when, in the medical judgment of the physician performing or inducing the abortion based on the particular facts of the case before him or her, there exists a medical emergency; in such a case, the physician shall describe the basis of this judgment on the form prescribed by Section 10. Any physician who intentionally performs or induces such an abortion and who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to arrange for the attendance of such a second physician in violation of Section 6(2)(a) commits a Class 3 felony.
- (b) Subsequent to the abortion, if a child is born alive, the physician required by Section 6(2)(a) to be in attendance shall exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as would be required of a physician providing immediate medical care to a child born alive in the course of a pregnancy termination which was not an abortion. Any such physician who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly violates Section 6(2)(b) commits a Class 3 felony.
  - (3) The law of this State shall not be construed to imply

- 1 that any living individual organism of the species homo
- 2 sapiens who has been born alive is not an individual under the
- 3 Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012.
- 4 (4) (a) Any physician who intentionally performs an
- 5 abortion when, in his or her medical judgment based on the
- 6 particular facts of the case before him or her, there is a
- 7 reasonable possibility of sustained survival of the fetus
- 8 outside the womb, with or without artificial support, shall
- 9 utilize that method of abortion which, of those he or she knows
- to be available, is in his or her medical judgment most likely
- 11 to preserve the life and health of the fetus.
- 12 (b) The physician shall certify in writing, on a form
- prescribed by the Department under Section 10, the available
- 14 methods considered and the reasons for choosing the method
- 15 employed.
- 16 (c) Any physician who intentionally, knowingly, or
- 17 recklessly violates the provisions of Section 6(4)(a) commits
- 18 a Class 3 felony.
- 19 (5) Nothing in Section 6 requires a physician to employ a
- 20 method of abortion which, in the medical judgment of the
- 21 physician performing the abortion based on the particular
- facts of the case before him or her, would increase medical
- 23 risk to the mother.
- 24 (6) When the fetus is viable and when there exists
- 25 reasonable medical certainty (a) that the particular method of
- abortion to be employed will cause organic pain to the fetus,

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and (b) that use of an anesthetic or analgesic would abolish or alleviate organic pain to the fetus caused by the particular method of abortion to be employed, then the physician who is to perform the abortion or his or her agent or the referring physician or his or her agent shall inform the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed that such an anesthetic or analgesic is available, if he or she knows it to be available, for use to abolish or alleviate organic pain caused to the fetus by the particular method of abortion to be employed. Any person who performs an abortion with knowledge that any such reasonable medical certainty exists and that such an anesthetic or analgesic is available, and intentionally fails to so inform the woman or to ascertain that the woman has been so informed commits a Class B misdemeanor. The foregoing requirements of this subsection shall not apply (a) when in the medical judgment of the physician who is to perform the abortion or the referring physician based upon the particular facts of the case before him or her (i) there exists a medical emergency or (ii) the administration of such an anesthetic or analgesic would decrease a possibility of sustained survival of the fetus apart from the body of the mother, with or without artificial support, or (b) when the physician who is to perform the abortion administers an anesthetic or an analgesic to the woman or the fetus and he or she knows there exists reasonable medical certainty that such use will abolish organic pain caused to the fetus during the course of the

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- 2 (7) No person shall sell or experiment upon a fetus produced by the fertilization of a human ovum by a human sperm 3 unless such experimentation is therapeutic to the fetus 5 thereby produced. Intentional violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor. Nothing in this subsection is intended to 6 7 prohibit the performance of in vitro fertilization.
  - (8) No person shall intentionally perform an abortion with knowledge that the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion solely on account of the sex of the fetus. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to proscribe the performance of an abortion on account of the sex of the fetus because of a genetic disorder linked to that sex. If the application of this subsection to the period of pregnancy prior to viability is held invalid, then such invalidity shall not affect its application to the period of pregnancy subsequent viability.
  - Section 10. Report and form. A report of each abortion performed shall be made to the Department on forms prescribed by it. Such report forms shall not identify the patient by name, but by an individual number to be noted in the patient's permanent record in the possession of the physician, and shall include information concerning:
- (1) the identification of the physician who performed the abortion and the facility where the abortion was 25

1	performed and a patient identification number;		
2	(2) the state in which the patient resides;		
3	(3) the patient's date of birth, race, and marital		
4	status;		
5	(4) the number of prior pregnancies;		
6	(5) the date of last menstrual period;		
7	(6) the type of abortion procedure performed;		
8	(7) complications and whether the abortion resulted in		
9	a live birth;		
10	(8) the date the abortion was performed;		
11	(9) medical indications for any abortion performed		
12	when the fetus was viable;		
13	(10) the information required by Sections 6(1)(b) and		
14	6(4)(b), if applicable;		
15	(11) the basis for any medical judgment that a medical		
16	emergency existed when required under Sections 6(2)(a) an		
17	6(6) and when required to be reported in accordance with		
18	this Section by any provision of this Law; and		
19	(12) the pathologist's test results pursuant to		
20	Section 12.		
21	Such form shall be completed by the hospital or other		
22	licensed facility, signed by the physician who performed the		
23	abortion or pregnancy termination, and transmitted to the		
24	Department not later than 10 days following the end of the		
25	month in which the abortion was performed.		

If a complication of an abortion occurs or becomes known

after submission of such form, a correction using the same patient identification number shall be submitted to the Department within 10 days of its becoming known.

The Department may prescribe rules regarding the administration of this Law and shall prescribe rules to secure the confidentiality of the woman's identity in the information to be provided under the Vital Records Act. All reports received by the Department shall be treated as confidential and the Department shall secure the woman's anonymity. Such reports shall be used only for statistical purposes.

Upon 30 days public notice, the Department is empowered to require reporting of any additional information which, in the sound discretion of the Department, is necessary to develop statistical data relating to the protection of maternal or fetal life or health, or is necessary to enforce the provisions of this Law, or is necessary to develop useful criteria for medical decisions. The Department shall annually report to the General Assembly all statistical data gathered under this Law and its recommendations to further the purpose of this Law.

The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and filing such additional copies with the State Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

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Section 10.1. Report of complications. Any physician who diagnoses a woman as having complications resulting from an abortion shall report, within a reasonable period of time, the diagnosis and a summary of her physical symptoms to the Department in accordance with procedures and upon forms required by the Department. The Department shall define the complications required to be reported by rule. The complications defined by rule shall be those which, according to contemporary medical standards, are manifested by symptoms with severity equal to or greater than hemorrhaging requiring transfusion, infection, incomplete abortion, or punctured physician making the organs. Ιf the diagnosis complication knows the name or location of the facility where the abortion was performed, he or she shall report such information to the Department.

Any physician who intentionally violates this Section shall be subject to revocation of his or her license pursuant to paragraph (22) of Section 22 of the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

Section 11. Violations. (1) Any person who intentionally violates any provision of this Law commits a Class A misdemeanor unless a specific penalty is otherwise provided. Any person who intentionally falsifies any writing required by this Law commits a Class A misdemeanor.

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Intentional, knowing, reckless, or negligent violations of 1 2 this Law shall constitute unprofessional conduct which causes public harm under Section 22 of the Medical Practice Act of 3 1987, Section 70-5 of the Nurse Practice Act, and Section 21 of 4 5 the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987.

Intentional, knowing, reckless, or negligent violations of this Law will constitute grounds for refusal, denial, revocation, suspension, or withdrawal of license, certificate, or permit under Section 30 of the Pharmacy Practice Act, Section 7 of the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, and Section 7 of the Hospital Licensing Act.

- (2) Any hospital or licensed facility which, or physician who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to submit a complete report to the Department in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 and any person who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently fails to maintain the confidentiality of any reports required under this Law or reports required by Sections 10.1 or 12 commits a Class B misdemeanor.
- (3) Any person who sells any drug, medicine, instrument, or other substance which he or she knows to be an abortifacient and which is in fact an abortifacient, unless upon physician, is quilty of a Class prescription of а misdemeanor. Any person who prescribes or administers any instrument, medicine, drug, or other substance or device, 26 which he or she knows to be an abortifacient, and which is in

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- fact an abortifacient, and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to inform the person for whom it is prescribed or upon whom it is administered that it is an
- 4 abortifacient commits a Class C misdemeanor.
  - (4) Any person who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly performs upon a woman what he or she represents to that woman to be an abortion when he or she knows or should know that she is not pregnant commits a Class 2 felony and shall be answerable in civil damages equal to 3 times the amount of proved damages.
- 11 Section 11.1. Referral fees.
- 12 (a) The payment or receipt of a referral fee in connection 13 with the performance of an abortion is a Class 4 felony.
  - (b) For purposes of this Section, "referral fee" means the transfer of anything of value between a doctor who performs an abortion or an operator or employee of a clinic at which an abortion is performed and the person who advised the woman receiving the abortion to use the services of that doctor or clinic.
- Section 12. Analysis and tissue report. The dead fetus and all tissue removed at the time of abortion shall be submitted for a gross and microscopic analysis and tissue report to a board eligible or certified pathologist as a matter of record in all cases. The results of the analysis and report shall be

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given to the physician who performed the abortion within 7 days of the abortion and such physician shall report any complications relevant to the woman's medical condition to his or her patient within 48 hours of receiving a report if possible. Any evidence of live birth or of viability shall be reported within 7 days, if possible, to the Department by the pathologist. Intentional failure of the pathologist to report any evidence of live birth or of viability to the Department is a Class B misdemeanor.

Section 12.1. Use of tissues or cells. Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the use of any tissues or cells obtained from a dead fetus or dead premature infant whose death did not result from an induced abortion, for therapeutic purposes or scientific, research, or laboratory experimentation, provided that the written consent to such use is obtained from one of the parents of such fetus or infant.

Section 13. Refusal. No physician, hospital, ambulatory surgical center, nor employee thereof, shall be required against his, her, or its conscience declared in writing to perform, permit, or participate in any abortion, and the failure or refusal to do so shall not be the basis for any civil, criminal, administrative, or disciplinary action, proceeding, penalty, or punishment. If any request for an abortion is denied, the patient shall be promptly notified.

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- 1 Section 14. Severability; rules; effective dates.
- 2 (a) If any provision, word, phrase, or clause of this Act
  3 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall
  4 be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
  5 provisions, words, phrases, clauses, or application of this
  6 Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision,
  7 word, phrase, clause, or application, and to this end the
  8 provisions, words, phrases, and clauses of this Act are
  9 declared to be severable.
  - (b) Within 60 days from the time this Section becomes law, the Department shall issue rules pursuant to Section 10. Insofar as Section 10 requires registration under the Vital Records Act, it shall not take effect until such rules are issued. The Department shall make available the forms required under Section 10 within 30 days of the time this Section becomes law. No requirement that any person report information to the Department shall become effective until the Department has made available the forms required under Section 10. All other provisions of this amended Law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.
- Section 15. Short title. This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025. References in this Article to "this Act" mean this Article.

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1 Article 2.

- 2 Section 201. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
- 3 Partial-birth Abortion Ban Act of 2025. References in this
- 4 Article to "this Act" mean this Article.
- 5 Section 205. Definitions. In this Act:
- 6 "Partial-birth abortion" means an abortion in which the
- 7 person performing the abortion partially vaginally delivers a
- 8 living human fetus or infant before killing the fetus or
- 9 infant and completing the delivery. The terms "fetus" and
- 10 "infant" are used interchangeably to refer to the biological
- offspring of human parents.
- 12 Section 210. Partial-birth abortions prohibited. Any
- 13 person who knowingly performs a partial-birth abortion and
- thereby kills a human fetus or infant is guilty of a Class 4
- 15 felony. This Section does not apply to a partial-birth
- 16 abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother because
- 17 her life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical
- 18 illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering
- 19 condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself,
- 20 provided that no other medical procedure would suffice for
- 21 that purpose.
- 22 Section 215. Civil action. The maternal grandparents of

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the fetus or infant, if the mother has not attained the age of
la years at the time of the abortion, may in a civil action
obtain appropriate relief unless the pregnancy resulted from
the plaintiff's criminal conduct or the plaintiff consented to
the abortion. The relief shall include money damages for all
injuries, psychological and physical, occasioned by the
violation of this Act and statutory damages equal to 3 times
the cost of the partial-birth abortion.

Section 220. Prosecution of woman prohibited. A woman on whom a partial-birth abortion is performed may not be prosecuted under this Act, for a conspiracy to violate this Act, or for an offense under Article 31 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012 based on a violation of this Act, nor may she be held accountable under Article 5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or Criminal Code of 2012 for an offense based on a violation of this Act.

17 Article 3.

Section 301. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
Abortion Performance Refusal Act of 2025. References in this
Article to "this Act" mean this Article.

- 21 Section 305. Liability; discrimination for refusal.
- 22 (a) No physician, nurse, or other person who refuses to

- 1 recommend, perform, or assist in the performance of an
- 2 abortion, whether such abortion be a crime or not, shall be
- 3 liable to any person for damages allegedly arising from such
- 4 refusal.
- 5 (b) No hospital that refuses to permit the performance of
- 6 an abortion upon its premises, whether such abortion be a
- 7 crime or not, shall be liable to any person for damages
- 8 allegedly arising from such refusal.
- 9 (c) Any person, association, partnership, or corporation
- 10 that discriminates against another person in any way,
- including, but not limited to, hiring, promotion, advancement,
- transfer, licensing, granting of hospital privileges, or staff
- appointments, because of that person's refusal to recommend,
- 14 perform, or assist in the performance of an abortion, whether
- such abortion be a crime or not, shall be answerable in civil
- damages equal to 3 times the amount of proved damages, but in
- no case less than \$2,000.
- 18 (d) The license of any hospital, doctor, nurse, or any
- 19 other medical personnel shall not be revoked or suspended
- 20 because of a refusal to permit, recommend, perform, or assist
- in the performance of an abortion.
- 22 Article 4.
- 23 (775 ILCS 55/Act rep.)
- 24 Section 405. The Reproductive Health Act is repealed.

1 Article 5.

- 2 Section 505. The Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act
- 3 is amended by adding Section 6.2 as follows:
- 4 (210 ILCS 5/6.2 new)
- 5 Sec. 6.2. Condition for licensure. Notwithstanding any
- 6 other provision of this Act, any corporation operating an
- 7 Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center devoted primarily to
- 8 providing facilities for abortion must have a physician, who
- 9 is licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches and is
- 10 actively engaged in the practice of medicine at the Center, on
- 11 the board of directors as a condition to licensure of the
- 12 Center.
- 13 Section 510. The Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency
- 14 Treatment Act is amended by adding Section 9.1 as follows:
- 15 (410 ILCS 70/9.1 new)
- 16 Sec. 9.1. Provision of services related to abortion.
- Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require a hospital or
- an approved pediatric health care facility to provide any
- 19 services which relate to an abortion.
- Section 515. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by

1 adding Section 11-107.1a as follows:

- 2 (735 ILCS 5/11-107.1a new)
- 3 Sec. 11-107.1a. Injunctive relief for the father of an
- 4 unborn child in an abortion related decision by the mother. In
- 5 any case when a married woman wishes to have an abortion
- 6 performed upon her, and her spouse, who is the father of the
- 7 unborn child, is opposed to the performance of that abortion,
- 8 a court may hear testimony from both parties and balance the
- 9 rights and interests of those parties.
- 10 When the interests of the husband in preventing the
- 11 abortion outweigh those of the wife in having an abortion
- 12 performed after the unborn child is viable, the court may
- issue an injunction against the performance of the abortion
- but only where the court makes a finding that the mother's life
- or physical health are not in danger.
- 16 Article 6.
- 17 Section 605. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of
- 18 1971 is amended by changing Section 6.11 as follows:
- 19 (5 ILCS 375/6.11)
- Sec. 6.11. Required health benefits; Illinois Insurance
- 21 Code requirements. The program of health benefits shall
- 22 provide the post-mastectomy care benefits required to be

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covered by a policy of accident and health insurance under 1 Section 356t of the Illinois Insurance Code. The program of 2 3 health benefits shall provide the coverage required under Sections 356g, 356g.5, 356g.5-1, 356m, 356q, 356u, 356u.10, 356w, 356x, 356z.2, 356z.4, 356z.4a, 356z.5, 356z.6, 356z.8, 5 6 356z.9, 356z.10, 356z.11, 356z.12, 356z.13, 356z.14, 356z.15, 356z.17, 356z.22, 356z.25, 356z.26, 356z.29, 356z.30, 356z.32, 7 356z.33, 356z.36, 356z.40, 356z.41, 356z.45, 356z.46, 356z.47, 8 356z.51, 356z.53, 356z.54, 356z.55, 356z.56, 356z.57, 356z.59, 9 356z.60, 356z.61, 356z.62, 356z.64, 356z.67, 356z.68, and 10 11 356z.70, and 356z.71, 356z.74, 356z.76, and 356z.77 of the 12 Illinois Insurance Code. The program of health benefits must comply with Sections 155.22a, 155.37, 355b, 356z.19, 370c, and 13 370c.1 and Article XXXIIB of the Illinois Insurance Code. The 14 15 program of health benefits shall provide the coverage required 16 under Section 356m of the Illinois Insurance Code and, for the 17 employees of the State Employee Group Insurance Program only, the coverage as also provided in Section 6.11B of this Act. The 18 Department of Insurance shall enforce the requirements of this 19 20 Section with respect to Sections 370c and 370c.1 of the Illinois Insurance Code; all other requirements of this 21 22 Section shall be enforced by the Department of Central 23 Management Services. 24

Rulemaking authority to implement Public Act 95-1045, if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure

- 1 Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on
- 2 Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so adopted, for
- 3 whatever reason, is unauthorized.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 102-30, eff. 1-1-22; 102-103, eff. 1-1-22;
- 5 102-203, eff. 1-1-22; 102-306, eff. 1-1-22; 102-642, eff.
- 6 1-1-22; 102-665, eff. 10-8-21; 102-731, eff. 1-1-23; 102-768,
- 7 eff. 1-1-24; 102-804, eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22;
- 8 102-816, eff. 1-1-23; 102-860, eff. 1-1-23; 102-1093, eff.
- 9 1-1-23; 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23; 103-8, eff. 1-1-24; 103-84,
- 10 eff. 1-1-24; 103-91, eff. 1-1-24; 103-420, eff. 1-1-24;
- 11 103-445, eff. 1-1-24; 103-535, eff. 8-11-23; 103-551, eff.
- 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-718, eff. 7-19-24; 103-751,
- 13 eff. 8-2-24; 103-870, eff. 1-1-25; 103-914, eff. 1-1-25;
- 14 103-918, eff. 1-1-25; 103-951, eff. 1-1-25; 103-1024, eff.
- 15 1-1-25; revised 11-26-24.)
- 16 Section 610. The Children and Family Services Act is
- amended by changing Section 5 as follows:
- 18 (20 ILCS 505/5)
- 19 Sec. 5. Direct child welfare services; Department of
- 20 Children and Family Services. To provide direct child welfare
- 21 services when not available through other public or private
- 22 child care or program facilities.
- 23 (a) For purposes of this Section:
- 24 (1) "Children" means persons found within the State

who are under the age of 18 years. The term also includes persons under age 21 who:

- (A) were committed to the Department pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and who continue under the jurisdiction of the court; or
- (B) were accepted for care, service and training by the Department prior to the age of 18 and whose best interest in the discretion of the Department would be served by continuing that care, service and training because of severe emotional disturbances, physical disability, social adjustment or any combination thereof, or because of the need to complete an educational or vocational training program.
- (2) "Homeless youth" means persons found within the State who are under the age of 19, are not in a safe and stable living situation and cannot be reunited with their families.
- (3) "Child welfare services" means public social services which are directed toward the accomplishment of the following purposes:
  - (A) protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of children, including homeless, dependent, or neglected children;
  - (B) remedying, or assisting in the solution of problems which may result in, the neglect, abuse,

exploitation, or delinquency of children;

- (C) preventing the unnecessary separation of children from their families by identifying family problems, assisting families in resolving their problems, and preventing the breakup of the family where the prevention of child removal is desirable and possible when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health and safety;
- (D) restoring to their families children who have been removed, by the provision of services to the child and the families when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health and safety;
- (E) placing children in suitable permanent family arrangements, through guardianship or adoption, in cases where restoration to the birth family is not safe, possible, or appropriate;
- (F) at the time of placement, conducting concurrent planning, as described in subsection (1-1) of this Section, so that permanency may occur at the earliest opportunity. Consideration should be given so that if reunification fails or is delayed, the placement made is the best available placement to provide permanency for the child;
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(I) placing and maintaining children in facilities				
that provide separate living quarters for children				
under the age of 18 and for children 18 years of age				
and older, unless a child 18 years of age is in the				
last year of high school education or vocational				
training, in an approved individual or group treatment				
program, in a licensed shelter facility, or secure				
child care facility. The Department is not required to				
place or maintain children:				

- (i) who are in a foster home, or
- (ii) who are persons with a developmental disability, as defined in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or
- (iii) who are female children who are pregnant, pregnant and parenting, or parenting, or
- (iv) who are siblings, in facilities that provide separate living quarters for children 18 years of age and older and for children under 18 years of age.
- (b) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of performing abortions. (Blank).
- (b-5) The Department shall adopt rules to establish a process for all licensed residential providers in Illinois to submit data as required by the Department if they contract or receive reimbursement for children's mental health, substance

use, and developmental disability services from the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The requested data must include, but is not limited to, capacity, staffing, and occupancy data for the purpose of establishing State need and placement availability.

All information collected, shared, or stored pursuant to this subsection shall be handled in accordance with all State and federal privacy laws and accompanying regulations and rules, including without limitation the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191) and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.

- (c) The Department shall establish and maintain tax-supported child welfare services and extend and seek to improve voluntary services throughout the State, to the end that services and care shall be available on an equal basis throughout the State to children requiring such services.
- (d) The Director may authorize advance disbursements for any new program initiative to any agency contracting with the Department. As a prerequisite for an advance disbursement, the contractor must post a surety bond in the amount of the advance disbursement and have a purchase of service contract approved by the Department. The Department may pay up to 2 months operational expenses in advance. The amount of the advance disbursement shall be prorated over the life of the contract

or the remaining months of the fiscal year, whichever is less, 1 2 and the installment amount shall then be deducted from future bills. Advance disbursement authorizations for new initiatives 3 shall not be made to any agency after that agency has operated 5 during 2 consecutive fiscal years. The requirements of this Section concerning advance disbursements shall not apply with 6 7 respect to the following: payments to local public agencies for child day care services as authorized by Section 5a of this 8 9 Act; and youth service programs receiving grant funds under Section 17a-4. 10

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- (g) The Department shall establish rules and regulations concerning its operation of programs designed to meet the goals of child safety and protection, family preservation, family reunification, and adoption, including, but not limited to:
- 18 (1) adoption;
- 19 (2) foster care;
- 20 (3) family counseling;
- 21 (4) protective services;
- 22 (5) (blank);
- 23 (6) homemaker service;
- 24 (7) return of runaway children;
- 25 (8) (blank);
- 26 (9) placement under Section 5-7 of the Juvenile Court

Act or Section 2-27, 3-28, 4-25, or 5-740 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 in accordance with the federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980; and

(10) interstate services.

Rules and regulations established by the Department shall include provisions for training Department staff and the staff of Department grantees, through contracts with other agencies or resources, in screening techniques to identify substance use disorders, as defined in the Substance Use Disorder Act, approved by the Department of Human Services, as a successor to the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, for the purpose of identifying children and adults who should be referred for an assessment at an organization appropriately licensed by the Department of Human Services for substance use disorder treatment.

- (h) If the Department finds that there is no appropriate program or facility within or available to the Department for a youth in care and that no licensed private facility has an adequate and appropriate program or none agrees to accept the youth in care, the Department shall create an appropriate individualized, program-oriented plan for such youth in care. The plan may be developed within the Department or through purchase of services by the Department to the extent that it is within its statutory authority to do.
- (i) Service programs shall be available throughout the State and shall include but not be limited to the following

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- 2 (1) case management;
- 3 (2) homemakers;
- 4 (3) counseling;
- 5 (4) parent education;
- 6 (5) day care; and
- 7 (6) emergency assistance and advocacy.

In addition, the following services may be made available to assess and meet the needs of children and families:

- 10 (1) comprehensive family-based services;
- 11 (2) assessments;
- 12 (3) respite care; and
- 13 (4) in-home health services.

The Department shall provide transportation for any of the services it makes available to children or families or for which it refers children or families.

(j) The Department may provide categories of financial assistance and education assistance grants, and shall establish rules and regulations concerning the assistance and grants, to persons who adopt children with physical or mental disabilities, children who are older, or other hard-to-place children who (i) immediately prior to their adoption were youth in care or (ii) were determined eligible for financial assistance with respect to a prior adoption and who become available for adoption because the prior adoption has been dissolved and the parental rights of the adoptive parents have

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been terminated or because the child's adoptive parents have The Department may continue to provide financial died. assistance and education assistance grants for a child who was determined eligible for financial assistance under this subsection (j) in the interim period beginning when the child's adoptive parents died and ending with the finalization of the new adoption of the child by another adoptive parent or The Department may also provide categories of parents. financial assistance and education assistance grants, and shall establish rules and regulations for the assistance and grants, to persons appointed quardian of the person under Section 5-7 of the Juvenile Court Act or Section 2-27, 3-28, 4-25, or 5-740 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 for children who were youth in care for 12 months immediately prior to the appointment of the quardian.

The amount of assistance may vary, depending upon the needs of the child and the adoptive parents, as set forth in the annual assistance agreement. Special purpose grants are allowed where the child requires special service but such costs may not exceed the amounts which similar services would cost the Department if it were to provide or secure them as guardian of the child.

Any financial assistance provided under this subsection is inalienable by assignment, sale, execution, attachment, garnishment, or any other remedy for recovery or collection of a judgment or debt.

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- 1 (j-5) The Department shall not deny or delay the placement 2 of a child for adoption if an approved family is available 3 either outside of the Department region handling the case, or 4 outside of the State of Illinois.
  - (k) The Department shall accept for care and training any child who has been adjudicated neglected or abused, or dependent committed to it pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
  - Department shall offer family preservation (1)The services, as defined in Section 8.2 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, to help families, including adoptive and extended families. Family preservation services shall be offered (i) to prevent the placement of children in substitute care when the children can be cared for at home or in the custody of the person responsible for the children's welfare, (ii) to reunite children with their families, or (iii) to maintain an adoptive placement. Family preservation services shall only be offered when doing so will not endanger the children's health or safety. With respect to children who are in substitute care pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, family preservation services shall not be offered if a goal other than those of paragraph subdivisions (A), (B), or (B-1) of subsection (2) of Section 2-28 of that Act has been set, except that reunification services may be offered as provided in paragraph (F) of subsection (2) of Section 2-28 of that Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to

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create a private right of action or claim on the part of any individual or child welfare agency, except that when a child is the subject of an action under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and the child's service plan calls for services to facilitate achievement of the permanency goal, the court hearing the action under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 may order the Department to provide the services set out in the plan, if those services are not provided with reasonable promptness and if those services are available.

The Department shall notify the child and the child's family of the Department's responsibility to offer and provide family preservation services as identified in the service plan. The child and the child's family shall be eligible for services as soon as the report is determined to "indicated". The Department may offer services to any child or family with respect to whom a report of suspected child abuse has been filed, prior to concluding nealect investigation under Section 7.12 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. However, the child's or family's willingness to accept services shall not be considered in the investigation. The Department may also provide services to any child or family who is the subject of any report of suspected child abuse or neglect or may refer such child or family to services available from other agencies in the community, even if the report is determined to be unfounded, if the conditions

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in the child's or family's home are reasonably likely to subject the child or family to future reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Acceptance of such services shall be voluntary. The Department may also provide services to any child or family after completion of a family assessment, as an alternative to an investigation, as provided under the "differential response program" provided for in subsection (a-5) of Section 7.4 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

The Department may, at its discretion except for those children also adjudicated neglected or dependent, accept for care and training any child who has been adjudicated addicted, as a truant minor in need of supervision or as a minor requiring authoritative intervention, under the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, but no such child shall be committed to the Department by any court without the approval of the Department. On and after January 1, 2015 (the effective date of Public Act 98-803) and before January 1, 2017, a minor charged with a criminal offense under the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or adjudicated delinquent shall not be placed in the custody of or committed to the Department by any court, except (i) a minor less than 16 years of age committed to the Department under Section 5-710 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, (ii) a minor for whom an independent basis of abuse, neglect, or dependency exists, which must be defined by departmental rule, or (iii) a

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minor for whom the court has granted a supplemental petition to reinstate wardship pursuant to subsection (2) of Section 2-33 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. On and after January 1, 2017, a minor charged with a criminal offense under the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or adjudicated delinquent shall not be placed in the custody of or committed to the Department by any court, except (i) a minor less than 15 years of age committed to the Department under Section 5-710 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, (ii) a minor for whom an independent basis of abuse, neglect, or dependency exists, which must be defined by departmental rule, or (iii) a minor for whom the court has granted a supplemental petition to reinstate wardship pursuant to subsection (2) of Section 2-33 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. An independent basis exists when the allegations or adjudication of abuse, neglect, or dependency do not arise from the same facts, incident, or circumstances which give rise to a charge or adjudication of delinquency. The Department shall assign a caseworker to attend any hearing involving a youth in the care and custody of the Department who is placed on aftercare release, including hearings involving sanctions for violation of aftercare release conditions and aftercare release revocation hearings.

As soon as is possible after August 7, 2009 (the effective date of Public Act 96-134), the Department shall develop and implement a special program of family preservation services to support intact, foster, and adoptive families who are

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experiencing extreme hardships due to the difficulty and stress of caring for a child who has been diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder if the Department determines that those services are necessary to ensure the health and safety of the child. The Department may offer services to any family whether or not a report has been filed under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The Department may refer the child or family to services available from other agencies in the community if the conditions in the child's or family's home are reasonably likely to subject the child or family to future reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Acceptance of these services shall be voluntary. The Department shall develop and implement a public information campaign to alert health and social service providers and the general public about these special family preservation services. The nature and scope of the services offered and the number of families served under the special program implemented under this paragraph shall be determined by the level of funding that the Department annually allocates for this purpose. The term "pervasive developmental disorder" under this paragraph means a neurological condition, including, but not limited to, Asperger's Syndrome and autism, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.

(1-1) The General Assembly recognizes that the best interests of the child require that the child be placed in the

most permanent living arrangement as soon as is practically possible. To achieve this goal, the General Assembly directs the Department of Children and Family Services to conduct concurrent planning so that permanency may occur at the earliest opportunity. Permanent living arrangements may include prevention of placement of a child outside the home of the family when the child can be cared for at home without endangering the child's health or safety; reunification with the family, when safe and appropriate, if temporary placement is necessary; or movement of the child toward the most permanent living arrangement and permanent legal status.

When determining reasonable efforts to be made with respect to a child, as described in this subsection, and in making such reasonable efforts, the child's health and safety shall be the paramount concern.

When a child is placed in foster care, the Department shall ensure and document that reasonable efforts were made to prevent or eliminate the need to remove the child from the child's home. The Department must make reasonable efforts to reunify the family when temporary placement of the child occurs unless otherwise required, pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. At any time after the dispositional hearing where the Department believes that further reunification services would be ineffective, it may request a finding from the court that reasonable efforts are no longer appropriate. The Department is not required to provide further

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1 reunification services after such a finding.

A decision to place a child in substitute care shall be made with considerations of the child's health, safety, and best interests. At the time of placement, consideration should also be given so that if reunification fails or is delayed, the placement made is the best available placement to provide permanency for the child.

The Department shall adopt rules addressing concurrent planning for reunification and permanency. The Department shall consider the following factors when determining appropriateness of concurrent planning:

- (1) the likelihood of prompt reunification;
- 13 (2) the past history of the family;
- 14 (3) the barriers to reunification being addressed by the family;
  - (4) the level of cooperation of the family;
- 17 (5) the foster parents' willingness to work with the family to reunite;
  - (6) the willingness and ability of the foster family to provide an adoptive home or long-term placement;
    - (7) the age of the child;
- 22 (8) placement of siblings.
- 23 (m) The Department may assume temporary custody of any child if:
- 25 (1) it has received a written consent to such 26 temporary custody signed by the parents of the child or by

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the parent having custody of the child if the parents are not living together or by the guardian or custodian of the child if the child is not in the custody of either parent, or

(2) the child is found in the State and neither a parent, guardian nor custodian of the child can be located.

If the child is found in the child's residence without a parent, quardian, custodian, or responsible caretaker, the Department may, instead of removing the child and assuming temporary custody, place an authorized representative of the Department in that residence until such time as a parent, quardian, or custodian enters the home and expresses a willingness and apparent ability to ensure the child's health and safety and resume permanent charge of the child, or until a relative enters the home and is willing and able to ensure the child's health and safety and assume charge of the child until a parent, quardian, or custodian enters the home and expresses such willingness and ability to ensure the child's safety and resume permanent charge. After a caretaker has remained in the home for a period not to exceed 12 hours, the Department must follow those procedures outlined in Section 2-9, 3-11, 4-8, or 5-415 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

The Department shall have the authority, responsibilities and duties that a legal custodian of the child would have pursuant to subsection (9) of Section 1-3 of the Juvenile

Court Act of 1987. Whenever a child is taken into temporary custody pursuant to an investigation under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, or pursuant to a referral and acceptance under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 of a minor in limited custody, the Department, during the period of temporary custody and before the child is brought before a judicial officer as required by Section 2-9, 3-11, 4-8, or 5-415 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, shall have the authority, responsibilities and duties that a legal custodian of the child would have under subsection (9) of Section 1-3 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

The Department shall ensure that any child taken into custody is scheduled for an appointment for a medical examination.

A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child in the temporary custody of the Department who would have custody of the child if the child were not in the temporary custody of the Department may deliver to the Department a signed request that the Department surrender the temporary custody of the child. The Department may retain temporary custody of the child for 10 days after the receipt of the request, during which period the Department may cause to be filed a petition pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. If a petition is so filed, the Department shall retain temporary custody of the child until the court orders otherwise. If a petition is not filed within the 10-day period, the child shall be surrendered to the

custody of the requesting parent, guardian, or custodian not later than the expiration of the 10-day period, at which time the authority and duties of the Department with respect to the temporary custody of the child shall terminate.

(m-1) The Department may place children under 18 years of age in a secure child care facility licensed by the Department that cares for children who are in need of secure living arrangements for their health, safety, and well-being after a determination is made by the facility director and the Director or the Director's designate prior to admission to the facility subject to Section 2-27.1 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. This subsection (m-1) does not apply to a child who is subject to placement in a correctional facility operated pursuant to Section 3-15-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections, unless the child is a youth in care who was placed in the care of the Department before being subject to placement in a correctional facility and a court of competent jurisdiction has ordered placement of the child in a secure care facility.

(n) The Department may place children under 18 years of age in licensed child care facilities when in the opinion of the Department, appropriate services aimed at family preservation have been unsuccessful and cannot ensure the child's health and safety or are unavailable and such placement would be for their best interest. Payment for board, clothing, care, training and supervision of any child placed in a licensed child care facility may be made by the

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Department, by the parents or quardians of the estates of those children, or by both the Department and the parents or guardians, except that no payments shall be made by the Department for any child placed in a licensed child care facility for board, clothing, care, training, and supervision of such a child that exceed the average per capita cost of maintaining and of caring for a child in institutions for dependent or neglected children operated by the Department. However, such restriction on payments does not apply in cases where children require specialized care and treatment for problems of severe emotional disturbance, physical disability, social adjustment, or any combination thereof and suitable facilities for the placement of such children are available at payment rates within the limitations set forth in this Section. All reimbursements for services delivered shall be absolutely inalienable by assignment, sale, attachment, or garnishment or otherwise.

(n-1) The Department shall provide or authorize child welfare services, aimed at assisting minors to achieve sustainable self-sufficiency as independent adults, for any minor eligible for the reinstatement of wardship pursuant to subsection (2) of Section 2-33 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, whether or not such reinstatement is sought or allowed, provided that the minor consents to such services and has not yet attained the age of 21. The Department shall have responsibility for the development and delivery of services

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under this Section. An eligible youth may access services under this Section through the Department of Children and Family Services or by referral from the Department of Human Services. Youth participating in services under this Section shall cooperate with the assigned case manager in developing an agreement identifying the services to be provided and how the youth will increase skills to achieve self-sufficiency. A homeless shelter is not considered appropriate housing for any youth receiving child welfare services under this Section. The Department shall continue child welfare services under this Section to any eligible minor until the minor becomes 21 years of age, no longer consents to participate, or achieves self-sufficiency as identified in the minor's service plan. The Department of Children and Family Services shall create clear, readable notice of the rights of former foster youth to child welfare services under this Section and how such services may be obtained. The Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services shall disseminate this information statewide. The Department shall adopt regulations describing services intended to assist minors in achieving sustainable self-sufficiency as independent adults.

(o) The Department shall establish an administrative review and appeal process for children and families who request or receive child welfare services from the Department. Youth in care who are placed by private child welfare

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agencies, and foster families with whom those youth are placed, shall be afforded the same procedural and appeal rights as children and families in the case of placement by the Department, including the right to an initial review of a private agency decision by that agency. The Department shall ensure that any private child welfare agency, which accepts youth in care for placement, affords those rights to children foster families. The Department shall accept administrative review and an appeal hearing a complaint made by (i) a child or foster family concerning a decision following an initial review by a private child welfare agency or (ii) a prospective adoptive parent who alleges a violation of subsection (j-5) of this Section. An appeal of a decision concerning a change in the placement of a child shall be conducted in an expedited manner. A court determination that a current foster home placement is necessary and appropriate under Section 2-28 of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 does not constitute a judicial determination on the merits of an administrative appeal, filed by a former foster parent, involving a change of placement decision.

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- (q) The Department may receive and use, in their entirety, for the benefit of children any gift, donation, or bequest of money or other property which is received on behalf of such children, or any financial benefits to which such children are or may become entitled while under the jurisdiction or care of

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1 the Department, except that the benefits described in Section

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The Department shall set up and administer no-cost, interest-bearing accounts in appropriate financial institutions for children for whom the Department is legally responsible and who have been determined eligible for Veterans' Benefits, Social Security benefits, assistance allotments from the armed forces, court ordered payments, parental voluntary payments, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement payments, Black Lung benefits, or other miscellaneous payments. Interest earned by each account shall be credited to the account, unless disbursed in accordance with this subsection.

In disbursing funds from children's accounts, the Department shall:

- (1) Establish standards in accordance with State and for disbursing money from children's federal laws accounts. Τn all circumstances, the Department's Guardianship Administrator or the Guardianship Administrator's designee must approve disbursements from children's accounts. The Department shall be responsible for keeping complete records of all disbursements for each account for any purpose.
- (2) Calculate on a monthly basis the amounts paid from State funds for the child's board and care, medical care

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not covered under Medicaid, and social services; and utilize funds from the child's account, as covered by regulation, to reimburse those costs. Monthly, disbursements from all children's accounts, up to 1/12 of \$13,000,000, shall be deposited by the Department into the General Revenue Fund and the balance over 1/12 of \$13,000,000 into the DCFS Children's Services Fund.

- (3) Maintain any balance remaining after reimbursing for the child's costs of care, as specified in item (2). The balance shall accumulate in accordance with relevant State and federal laws and shall be disbursed to the child or the child's guardian or to the issuing agency.
- shall (r)The Department promulgate regulations encouraging all adoption agencies to voluntarily forward to the Department or its agent names and addresses of all persons who have applied for and have been approved for adoption of a hard-to-place child or child with a disability and the names of such children who have not been placed for adoption. A list of such names and addresses shall be maintained by the Department or its agent, and coded lists which maintain the confidentiality of the person seeking to adopt the child and of the child shall be made available, without charge, to every adoption agency in the State to assist the agencies in placing such children for adoption. The Department may delegate to an agent its duty to maintain and make available such lists. The Department shall ensure that such agent maintains the

1 confidentiality of the person seeking to adopt the child and 2 of the child.

- establish and implement a program to reimburse Department and private child welfare agency foster parents licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services for damages sustained by the foster parents as a result of the malicious or negligent acts of foster children, as well as providing third party coverage for such foster parents with regard to actions of foster children to other individuals. Such coverage will be secondary to the foster parent liability insurance policy, if applicable. The program shall be funded through appropriations from the General Revenue Fund, specifically designated for such purposes.
- (t) The Department shall perform home studies and investigations and shall exercise supervision over visitation as ordered by a court pursuant to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act or the Adoption Act only if:
  - (1) an order entered by an Illinois court specifically directs the Department to perform such services; and
  - (2) the court has ordered one or both of the parties to the proceeding to reimburse the Department for its reasonable costs for providing such services in accordance with Department rules, or has determined that neither party is financially able to pay.
- The Department shall provide written notification to the

- court of the specific arrangements for supervised visitation and projected monthly costs within 60 days of the court order. The Department shall send to the court information related to the costs incurred except in cases where the court has
- 5 determined the parties are financially unable to pay. The
- 6 court may order additional periodic reports as appropriate.
  - (u) In addition to other information that must be provided, whenever the Department places a child with a prospective adoptive parent or parents, in a licensed foster home, group home, or child care institution, or in a relative home, the Department shall provide to the prospective adoptive parent or parents or other caretaker:
    - (1) available detailed information concerning the child's educational and health history, copies of immunization records (including insurance and medical card information), a history of the child's previous placements, if any, and reasons for placement changes excluding any information that identifies or reveals the location of any previous caretaker;
    - (2) a copy of the child's portion of the client service plan, including any visitation arrangement, and all amendments or revisions to it as related to the child; and
    - (3) information containing details of the child's individualized educational plan when the child is receiving special education services.

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The caretaker shall be informed of any known social or information (including, but not behavioral limited to, criminal background, fire setting, perpetuation of sexual abuse, destructive behavior, and substance abuse) necessary to care for and safequard the children to be placed or currently in the home. The Department may prepare a written summary of the information required by this paragraph, which may be provided to the foster or prospective adoptive parent in advance of a placement. The foster or prospective adoptive parent may review the supporting documents in the child's file in the presence of casework staff. In the case of an emergency placement, casework staff shall at least provide known information verbally, if necessary, and must subsequently provide the information in writing as required by this subsection.

The information described in this subsection shall be provided in writing. In the case of emergency placements when time does not allow prior review, preparation, and collection of written information, the Department shall provide such information as it becomes available. Within 10 business days after placement, the Department shall obtain from the prospective adoptive parent or parents or other caretaker a signed verification of receipt of the information provided. Within 10 business days after placement, the Department shall provide to the child's guardian ad litem a copy of the information provided to the prospective adoptive parent or

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parents or other caretaker. The information provided to the prospective adoptive parent or parents or other caretaker shall be reviewed and approved regarding accuracy at the supervisory level.

(u-5) Effective July 1, 1995, only foster care placements licensed as foster family homes pursuant to the Child Care Act of 1969 shall be eligible to receive foster care payments from the Department. Relative caregivers who, as of July 1, 1995, were approved pursuant to approved relative placement rules previously promulgated by the Department at 89 Ill. Adm. Code 335 and had submitted an application for licensure as a foster family home may continue to receive foster care payments only until the Department determines that they may be licensed as a foster family home or that their application for licensure is denied or until September 30, 1995, whichever occurs first.

(v) The Department shall access criminal history record information as defined in the Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act and information maintained in the adjudicatory and dispositional record system as defined in Section 2605-355 of the Illinois State Police Law if the Department determines the information is necessary to perform its duties under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, the Child Care Act of 1969, and the Children and Family Services Act. Department shall provide for interactive computerized communication and processing equipment that permits direct on-line communication with the Illinois State Police's central

criminal history data repository. The Department shall comply with all certification requirements and provide certified operators who have been trained by personnel from the Illinois State Police. In addition, one Office of the Inspector General investigator shall have training in the use of the criminal history information access system and have access to the terminal. The Department of Children and Family Services and its employees shall abide by rules and regulations established by the Illinois State Police relating to the access and dissemination of this information.

(v-1) Prior to final approval for placement of a child, the Department shall conduct a criminal records background check of the prospective foster or adoptive parent, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases. Final approval for placement shall not be granted if the record check reveals a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, for spousal abuse, for a crime against children, or for a crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery, or if there is a felony conviction for physical assault, battery, or a drug-related offense committed within the past 5 years.

(v-2) Prior to final approval for placement of a child, the Department shall check its child abuse and neglect registry for information concerning prospective foster and adoptive parents, and any adult living in the home. If any

- prospective foster or adoptive parent or other adult living in the home has resided in another state in the preceding 5 years, the Department shall request a check of that other state's child abuse and neglect registry.
- (w) Within 120 days of August 20, 1995 (the effective date of Public Act 89-392), the Department shall prepare and submit 6 to the Governor and the General Assembly, a written plan for 7 8 the development of in-state licensed secure child care 9 facilities that care for children who are in need of secure 10 living arrangements for their health, safety, and well-being. 11 For purposes of this subsection, secure care facility shall 12 mean a facility that is designed and operated to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility, a building or a 13 14 distinct part of the building, are under the exclusive control 15 of the staff of the facility, whether or not the child has the 16 freedom of movement within the perimeter of the facility, 17 building, or distinct part of the building. The plan shall include descriptions of the types of facilities that are 18 19 needed in Illinois; the cost of developing these secure care 20 facilities; the estimated number of placements; the potential 21 cost savings resulting from the movement of children currently 22 out-of-state who are projected to be returned to Illinois; the 23 necessary geographic distribution of these facilities in 24 Illinois; and a proposed timetable for development of such 25 facilities.
  - (x) The Department shall conduct annual credit history

checks to determine the financial history of children placed under its guardianship pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The Department shall conduct such credit checks starting when a youth in care turns 12 years old and each year thereafter for the duration of the guardianship as terminated pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. The Department shall determine if financial exploitation of the child's personal information has occurred. If financial exploitation appears to have taken place or is presently ongoing, the Department shall notify the proper law enforcement agency, the proper State's Attorney, or the Attorney General.

- (y) Beginning on July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act 96-1189), a child with a disability who receives residential and educational services from the Department shall be eligible to receive transition services in accordance with Article 14 of the School Code from the age of 14.5 through age 21, inclusive, notwithstanding the child's residential services arrangement. For purposes of this subsection, "child with a disability" means a child with a disability as defined by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.
- (z) The Department shall access criminal history record information as defined as "background information" in this subsection and criminal history record information as defined in the Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act for each Department employee or Department applicant. Each Department

employee or Department applicant shall submit the employee's or applicant's fingerprints to the Illinois State Police in the form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter filed in the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records databases. The Illinois State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history record check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the record check. The Illinois State Police shall furnish, pursuant to positive identification, all Illinois conviction information to the Department of Children and Family Services.

For purposes of this subsection:

"Background information" means all of the following:

- (i) Upon the request of the Department of Children and Family Services, conviction information obtained from the Illinois State Police as a result of a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Illinois criminal history records database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history records database concerning a Department employee or Department applicant.
- (ii) Information obtained by the Department of Children and Family Services after performing a check of the Illinois State Police's Sex Offender Database, as authorized by Section 120 of the Sex Offender Community

- Notification Law, concerning a Department employee or
  Department applicant.
- 3 (iii) Information obtained by the Department of
  4 Children and Family Services after performing a check of
  5 the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS)
  6 operated and maintained by the Department.
- 7 "Department employee" means a full-time or temporary 8 employee coded or certified within the State of Illinois 9 Personnel System.
- 10 "Department applicant" means an individual who has 11 conditional Department full-time or part-time work, 12 contractor, an individual used to replace or supplement staff, 13 an academic intern, a volunteer in Department offices or on 14 Department contracts, a work-study student, an individual or 15 entity licensed by the Department, or an unlicensed service provider who works as a condition of a contract or an agreement 16 17 and whose work may bring the unlicensed service provider into contact with Department clients or client records. 18
- 19 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 20 102-1014, eff. 5-27-22; 103-22, eff. 8-8-23; 103-50, eff.
- 21 1-1-24; 103-546, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)
- Section 615. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by changing Section 7.5 as follows:
- 24 (5 ILCS 140/7.5)

- Sec. 7.5. Statutory exemptions. To the extent provided for by the statutes referenced below, the following shall be exempt from inspection and copying:
  - (a) All information determined to be confidential under Section 4002 of the Technology Advancement and Development Act.
  - (b) Library circulation and order records identifying library users with specific materials under the Library Records Confidentiality Act.
  - (c) Applications, related documents, and medical records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation Procedures Board and any and all documents or other records prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it has received.
  - (d) Information and records held by the Department of Public Health and its authorized representatives relating to known or suspected cases of sexually transmitted infection or any information the disclosure of which is restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmitted Infection Control Act.
  - (e) Information the disclosure of which is exempted under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.
  - (f) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act.

- (g) Information the disclosure of which is restricted and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act.
- (h) Information the disclosure of which is exempted under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and records of any lawfully created State or local inspector general's office that would be exempt if created or obtained by an Executive Inspector General's office under that Act.
- (i) Information contained in a local emergency energy plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a local emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.
- (j) Information and data concerning the distribution of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by carriers under the Emergency Telephone System Act.
- (k) Law enforcement officer identification information or driver identification information compiled by a law enforcement agency or the Department of Transportation under Section 11-212 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- (1) Records and information provided to a residential health care facility resident sexual assault and death review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse Prevention Review Team Act.
- (m) Information provided to the predatory lending database created pursuant to Article 3 of the Residential

Real Property Disclosure Act, except to the extent authorized under that Article.

- (n) Defense budgets and petitions for certification of compensation and expenses for court appointed trial counsel as provided under Sections 10 and 15 of the Capital Crimes Litigation Act (repealed). This subsection (n) shall apply until the conclusion of the trial of the case, even if the prosecution chooses not to pursue the death penalty prior to trial or sentencing.
- (o) Information that is prohibited from being disclosed under Section 4 of the Illinois Health and Hazardous Substances Registry Act.
- (p) Security portions of system safety program plans, investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the Department of Transportation under Sections 2705-300 and 2705-616 of the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the Regional Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, or the St. Clair County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety Act (repealed).
- (q) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Personnel Record Review Act.
- (r) Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Illinois School Student Records Act.

- 1 (s) Information the disclosure of which is restricted 2 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.
  - (t) (Blank).
  - (u) Records and information provided to an independent team of experts under the Developmental Disability and Mental Health Safety Act (also known as Brian's Law).
  - (v) Names and information of people who have applied for or received Firearm Owner's Identification Cards under the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or applied for or received a concealed carry license under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, unless otherwise authorized by the Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and databases under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, records of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, and law enforcement agency objections under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
  - (v-5) Records of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Review Board that are exempted from disclosure under Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.
  - (w) Personally identifiable information which is exempted from disclosure under subsection (g) of Section 19.1 of the Toll Highway Act.
  - (x) Information which is exempted from disclosure under Section 5-1014.3 of the Counties Code or Section 8-11-21 of the Illinois Municipal Code.
    - (y) Confidential information under the Adult

Protective Services Act and its predecessor enabling statute, the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act, including information about the identity and administrative finding against any caregiver of a verified and substantiated decision of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of an eligible adult maintained in the Registry established under Section 7.5 of the Adult Protective Services Act.

- (z) Records and information provided to a fatality review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory Council under Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services Act.
- (aa) Information which is exempted from disclosure under Section 2.37 of the Wildlife Code.
- (bb) Information which is or was prohibited from disclosure by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.
- (cc) Recordings made under the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act, except to the extent authorized under that Act.
- (dd) Information that is prohibited from being disclosed under Section 45 of the Condominium and Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Act.
- (ee) Information that is exempted from disclosure under Section 30.1 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.
- (ff) Information that is exempted from disclosure under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.
  - (qq) Information that is prohibited from being

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2	Code.							

- (hh) Records that are exempt from disclosure under Section 1A-16.7 of the Election Code.
- (ii) Information which is exempted from disclosure under Section 2505-800 of the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
- (jj) Information and reports that are required to be submitted to the Department of Labor by registering day and temporary labor service agencies but are exempt from disclosure under subsection (a-1) of Section 45 of the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act.
- (kk) Information prohibited from disclosure under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- (11) Information the disclosure of which is restricted and exempted under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
- (mm) Records that are exempt from disclosure under Section 4.2 of the Crime Victims Compensation Act.
- (nn) Information that is exempt from disclosure under Section 70 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.
- (oo) Communications, notes, records, and reports arising out of a peer support counseling session prohibited from disclosure under the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act.
  - (pp) Names and all identifying information relating to

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1	an employee of an emergency services provider or law
2	enforcement agency under the First Responders Suicide
3	Prevention Act.
4	(qq) (Blank). Information and records held by the
5	Department of Public Health and its authorized
6	representatives collected under the Reproductive Health
7	<del>Act.</del>
8	(rr) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
9	the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.
10	(ss) Data reported by an employer to the Department of
11	Human Rights pursuant to Section 2-108 of the Illinois
12	Human Rights Act.
13	(tt) Recordings made under the Children's Advocacy
14	Center Act, except to the extent authorized under that
15	Act.
16	(uu) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
17	Section 50 of the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.
18	(vv) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
19	subsections (f) and (j) of Section 5-36 of the Illinois
20	Public Aid Code.
21	(ww) Information that is exempt from disclosure under
22	Section 16.8 of the State Treasurer Act.
23	(xx) Information that is exempt from disclosure or

information that shall not be made public under the

(yy) Information prohibited from being disclosed under

Illinois Insurance Code.

- the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

  (zz) Information prohibited from being disclosed under

  the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.
  - (aaa) Information prohibited from being disclosed under Section 1-167 of the Illinois Pension Code.
    - (bbb) Information that is prohibited from disclosure by the Illinois Police Training Act and the Illinois State Police Act.
    - (ccc) Records exempt from disclosure under Section 2605-304 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
    - (ddd) Information prohibited from being disclosed under Section 35 of the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act.
    - (eee) Information prohibited from being disclosed under subsection (b) of Section 75 of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act.
    - (fff) Images from cameras under the Expressway Camera
      Act. This subsection (fff) is inoperative on and after
      July 1, 2025.
    - (ggg) Information prohibited from disclosure under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section 14 of the Nurse Agency Licensing Act.
  - (hhh) Information submitted to the Illinois State

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21 Section 20 of the Statewide Recycling Needs and A	ssessment
22 Act.	
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24 under Section 28-11 of the Lawful Health Care	isclosure
25 Act.	

(qqq) (nnn) Information that is exempt from disclosure

- 1 under Section 7-101 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.
- 2 (rrr) <del>(mmm)</del> Information prohibited from being
- 3 disclosed under Section 4-2 of the Uniform Money
- 4 Transmission Modernization Act.
- 5 (sss) <del>(nnn)</del> Information exempt from disclosure under
- 6 Section 40 of the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;
- 8 102-292, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21; 102-559, eff.
- 9 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-946, eff. 7-1-22;
- 10 102-1042, eff. 6-3-22; 102-1116, eff. 1-10-23; 103-8, eff.
- 11 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 6-9-23; 103-142, eff. 1-1-24; 103-372,
- 12 eff. 1-1-24; 103-472, eff. 8-1-24; 103-508, eff. 8-4-23;
- 13 103-580, eff. 12-8-23; 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-605, eff.
- 14 7-1-24; 103-636, eff. 7-1-24; 103-724, eff. 1-1-25; 103-786,
- 15 eff. 8-7-24; 103-859, eff. 8-9-24; 103-991, eff. 8-9-24;
- 16 103-1049, eff. 8-9-24; revised 11-26-24.)
- 17 Section 620. The Counties Code is amended by changing
- 18 Section 3-3013 as follows:
- 19 (55 ILCS 5/3-3013) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-3013)
- 20 Sec. 3-3013. Preliminary investigations; blood and urine
- 21 analysis; summoning jury; reports. Every coroner, whenever,
- as soon as he knows or is informed that the dead body of any
- 23 person is found, or lying within his county, whose death is
- 24 suspected of being:

(a) A sudden or violent death, whether apparently
suicidal, homicidal, or accidental, including, but not
limited to, deaths apparently caused or contributed to by
thermal, traumatic, chemical, electrical, or radiational
injury, or a complication of any of them, or by drowning or
suffocation, or as a result of domestic violence as
defined in the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986;

- (b) A <u>maternal or fetal death due to abortion</u>, or any death due to a sex crime or a crime against nature;
- (c) A death where the circumstances are suspicious, obscure, mysterious, or otherwise unexplained or where, in the written opinion of the attending physician, the cause of death is not determined;
- (d) A death where addiction to alcohol or to any drug may have been a contributory cause; or
- (e) A death where the decedent was not attended by a licensed physician;

shall go to the place where the dead body is and take charge of the same and shall make a preliminary investigation into the circumstances of the death. In the case of death without attendance by a licensed physician, the body may be moved with the coroner's consent from the place of death to a mortuary in the same county. Coroners in their discretion shall notify such physician as is designated in accordance with Section 3-3014 to attempt to ascertain the cause of death, either by autopsy or otherwise.

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In cases of accidental death involving a motor vehicle in which the decedent was (1) the operator or a suspected operator of a motor vehicle, or (2) a pedestrian 16 years of age or older, the coroner shall require that a blood specimen of at least 30 cc., and if medically possible a urine specimen of at least 30 cc. or as much as possible up to 30 cc., be withdrawn from the body of the decedent in a timely fashion after the crash causing his death, by such physician as has been designated in accordance with Section 3-3014, or by the coroner or deputy coroner or a qualified person designated by such physician, coroner, or deputy coroner. If the county does not maintain laboratory facilities for making such analysis, the blood and urine so drawn shall be sent to the Illinois State Police or any other accredited or State-certified laboratory for analysis of the alcohol, carbon monoxide, and dangerous or narcotic drug content of such blood and urine specimens. Each specimen submitted shall be accompanied by pertinent information concerning the decedent upon a form prescribed by such laboratory. Any person drawing blood and urine and any person making any examination of the blood and urine under the terms of this Division shall be immune from all liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

In all other cases coming within the jurisdiction of the coroner and referred to in subparagraphs (a) through (e) above, blood, and, whenever possible, urine samples shall be

analyzed for the presence of alcohol and other drugs. When the coroner suspects that drugs may have been involved in the death, either directly or indirectly, a toxicological examination shall be performed which may include analyses of blood, urine, bile, gastric contents, and other tissues. When the coroner suspects a death is due to toxic substances, other than drugs, the coroner shall consult with the toxicologist prior to collection of samples. Information submitted to the toxicologist shall include information as to height, weight, age, sex, and race of the decedent as well as medical history, medications used by, and the manner of death of the decedent.

When the coroner or medical examiner finds that the cause of death is due to homicidal means, the coroner or medical examiner shall cause blood and buccal specimens (tissue may be submitted if no uncontaminated blood or buccal specimen can be obtained), whenever possible, to be withdrawn from the body of the decedent in a timely fashion. For proper preservation of the specimens, collected blood and buccal specimens shall be dried and tissue specimens shall be frozen if available equipment exists. As soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the collection of the specimens, the coroner or medical examiner shall release those specimens to the police agency responsible for investigating the death. As soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the receipt from the coroner or medical examiner, the police agency shall submit the specimens using the agency case number to a National DNA

Index System (NDIS) participating laboratory within this State, such as the Illinois State Police, Division of Forensic Services, for analysis and categorizing into genetic marker groupings. The results of the analysis and categorizing into genetic marker groupings shall be provided to the Illinois State Police and shall be maintained by the Illinois State Police in the State central repository in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, as provided in Section 5-4-3 of the Unified Code of Corrections. The requirements of this paragraph are in addition to any other findings, specimens, or information that the coroner or medical examiner is required to provide during the conduct of a criminal investigation.

In all counties, in cases of apparent suicide, homicide, or accidental death or in other cases, within the discretion of the coroner, the coroner may summon 8 persons of lawful age from those persons drawn for petit jurors in the county. The summons shall command these persons to present themselves personally at such a place and time as the coroner shall determine, and may be in any form which the coroner shall determine and may incorporate any reasonable form of request for acknowledgment which the coroner deems practical and provides a reliable proof of service. The summons may be served by first class mail. From the 8 persons so summoned, the coroner shall select 6 to serve as the jury for the inquest. Inquests may be continued from time to time, as the coroner may deem necessary. The 6 jurors selected in a given case may view

the body of the deceased. If at any continuation of an inquest one or more of the original jurors shall be unable to continue to serve, the coroner shall fill the vacancy or vacancies. A juror serving pursuant to this paragraph shall receive compensation from the county at the same rate as the rate of compensation that is paid to petit or grand jurors in the county. The coroner shall furnish to each juror without fee at the time of his discharge a certificate of the number of days in attendance at an inquest, and, upon being presented with such certificate, the county treasurer shall pay to the juror the sum provided for his services.

In counties which have a jury commission, in cases of apparent suicide or homicide or of accidental death, the coroner may conduct an inquest. The jury commission shall provide at least 8 jurors to the coroner, from whom the coroner shall select any 6 to serve as the jury for the inquest. Inquests may be continued from time to time as the coroner may deem necessary. The 6 jurors originally chosen in a given case may view the body of the deceased. If at any continuation of an inquest one or more of the 6 jurors originally chosen shall be unable to continue to serve, the coroner shall fill the vacancy or vacancies. At the coroner's discretion, additional jurors to fill such vacancies shall be supplied by the jury commission. A juror serving pursuant to this paragraph in such county shall receive compensation from the county at the same rate as the rate of compensation that is paid to petit or grand

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1 jurors in the county.

In every case in which a fire is determined to be a contributing factor in a death, the coroner shall report the death to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The coroner shall provide a copy of the death certificate (i) within 30 days after filing the permanent death certificate and (ii) in a manner that is agreed upon by the coroner and the State Fire Marshal.

In every case in which a drug overdose is officially determined to be the cause or a contributing factor in the death, the coroner or medical examiner shall report the death to the Department of Public Health. The Department of Public Health shall adopt rules regarding specific information that must be reported in the event of such a death, including, at a minimum, the following information, if possible: (i) the cause of the overdose; (ii) whether or not fentanyl was part or all of the consumed substance; (iii) if fentanyl is part of the consumed substance, what other substances were consumed; and (iv) if fentanyl is part of the consumed substance, in what proportion was fentanyl consumed to other substance or substances. The coroner must also communicate whether there was a suspicious level of fentanyl in combination with other controlled substances present to all law enforcement agencies in whose jurisdiction the deceased's body was found in a prompt manner. As used in this paragraph, "overdose" has the same meaning as it does in Section 414 of the Illinois

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Controlled Substances Act. The Department of Public Health shall issue a semiannual report to the General Assembly summarizing the reports received. The Department shall also provide on its website a monthly report of overdose death figures organized by location, age, and any other factors the Department deems appropriate.

In addition, in every case in which domestic violence is determined to be a contributing factor in a death, the coroner shall report the death to the Illinois State Police.

All deaths in State institutions and all deaths of wards of the State or youth in care as defined in Section 4d of the Children and Family Services Act in private care facilities or in programs funded by the Department of Human Services under its powers relating to mental health and developmental disabilities or alcoholism and substance abuse or funded by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be reported to the coroner of the county in which the facility is located. If the coroner has reason to believe that an investigation is needed to determine whether the death was caused by maltreatment or negligent care of the ward of the State or youth in care as defined in Section 4d of the Children and Family Services Act, the coroner may conduct a preliminary investigation of the circumstances of such death as in cases of death under circumstances set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (e) of this Section.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;

- 1 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-842, eff. 1-1-25.)
- 2 Section 625. The Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act
- 3 is amended by changing Section 2, and 3 as follows:
- 4 (210 ILCS 5/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 157-8.2)
- 5 Sec. 2. It is declared to be the public policy that the
- 6 State has a legitimate interest in assuring that all medical
- 7 procedures, including abortions, are performed under
- 8 circumstances that insure maximum safety. Therefore, the
- 9 purpose of this Act is to provide for the better protection of
- 10 the public health through the development, establishment, and
- 11 enforcement of standards (1) for the care of individuals in
- 12 ambulatory surgical treatment centers, and (2) for the
- 13 construction, maintenance and operation of ambulatory surgical
- 14 treatment centers, which, in light of advancing knowledge,
- will promote safe and adequate treatment of such individuals
- in ambulatory surgical treatment centers.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 18 (210 ILCS 5/3) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 157-8.3)
- 19 Sec. 3. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
- 20 requires, the following words and phrases shall have the
- 21 meanings ascribed to them:
- 22 (A) "Ambulatory surgical treatment center" means any
- 23 institution, place or building devoted primarily to the

maintenance and operation of facilities for the performance of surgical procedures. "Ambulatory surgical treatment center" includes any place that meets and complies with the definition of an ambulatory surgical treatment center under the rules adopted by the Department or any facility in which a medical or surgical procedure is utilized to terminate a pregnancy, irrespective of whether the facility is devoted primarily to this purpose. Such facility shall not provide beds or other accommodations for the overnight stay of patients; however, facilities devoted exclusively to the treatment of children may provide accommodations and beds for their patients for up to 23 hours following admission. Individual patients shall be discharged in an ambulatory condition without danger to the continued well being of the patients or shall be transferred to a hospital.

The term "ambulatory surgical treatment center" does not include any of the following:

- (1) Any institution, place, building or agency required to be licensed pursuant to the "Hospital Licensing Act", approved July 1, 1953, as amended.
- (2) Any person or institution required to be licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act.
- (3) Hospitals or ambulatory surgical treatment centers maintained by the State or any department or agency

thereof, where such department or agency has authority under law to establish and enforce standards for the hospitals or ambulatory surgical treatment centers under its management and control.

- (4) Hospitals or ambulatory surgical treatment centers maintained by the Federal Government or agencies thereof.
- (5) Any place, agency, clinic, or practice, public or private, whether organized for profit or not, devoted exclusively to the performance of dental or oral surgical procedures.
- (6) Any facility in which the performance of abortion procedures, including procedures to terminate a pregnancy or to manage pregnancy loss, is limited to those performed without general, epidural, or spinal anesthesia, and which is not otherwise required to be an ambulatory surgical treatment center. For purposes of this paragraph, "general, epidural, or spinal anesthesia" does not include local anesthesia or intravenous sedation. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit any such facility from voluntarily electing to apply for licensure as an ambulatory surgical treatment center.
- (B) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or joint stock association, or the legal successor thereof.
- (C) "Department" means the Department of Public Health of the State of Illinois.

- 1 (D) "Director" means the Director of the Department of 2 Public Health of the State of Illinois.
- 3 (E) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
- 4 medicine in all of its branches in the State of Illinois.
- 5 (F) "Dentist" means a person licensed to practice
- 6 dentistry under the Illinois Dental Practice Act.
- 7 (G) "Podiatric physician" means a person licensed to
- 8 practice podiatry under the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of
- 9 1987.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 11 Section 630. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
- 12 changing Section 356z.4 and adding 356z.4a as follows:
- 13 (215 ILCS 5/356z.4)
- 14 Sec. 356z.4. Coverage for contraceptives.
- 15 (a)(1) The General Assembly hereby finds and declares all
- of the following:
- 17 (A) Illinois has a long history of expanding timely
- access to birth control to prevent unintended pregnancy.
- 19 (B) The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care
- 20 Act includes a contraceptive coverage guarantee as part of
- a broader requirement for health insurance to cover key
- 22 preventive care services without out-of-pocket costs for
- patients.
- 24 (C) The General Assembly intends to build on existing

State and federal law to promote gender equity and women's health and to ensure greater contraceptive coverage equity and timely access to all federal Food and Drug Administration approved methods of birth control for all individuals covered by an individual or group health insurance policy in Illinois.

- (D) Medical management techniques such as denials, step therapy, or prior authorization in public and private health care coverage can impede access to the most effective contraceptive methods.
- 11 (2) As used in this subsection (a):

"Contraceptive services" includes consultations, examinations, procedures, and medical services related to the use of contraceptive methods (including natural family planning) to prevent an unintended pregnancy.

"Medical necessity", for the purposes of this subsection (a), includes, but is not limited to, considerations such as severity of side effects, differences in permanence and reversibility of contraceptive, and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service, as determined by the attending provider.

"Therapeutic equivalent version" means drugs, devices, or products that can be expected to have the same clinical effect and safety profile when administered to patients under the conditions specified in the labeling and satisfy the following general criteria:

- (i) they are approved as safe and effective;
  - (ii) they are pharmaceutical equivalents in that they

    (A) contain identical amounts of the same active drug

    ingredient in the same dosage form and route of

    administration and (B) meet compendial or other applicable

    standards of strength, quality, purity, and identity;
  - (iii) they are bioequivalent in that (A) they do not present a known or potential bioequivalence problem and they meet an acceptable in vitro standard or (B) if they do present such a known or potential problem, they are shown to meet an appropriate bioequivalence standard;
    - (iv) they are adequately labeled; and
  - (v) they are manufactured in compliance with Current Good Manufacturing Practice regulations.
  - (3) An individual or group policy of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed in this State after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly shall provide coverage for all of the following services and contraceptive methods:
    - (A) All contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. This includes all over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, excluding male condoms, except as provided in the current comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services

Administration. The following apply:

- (i) If the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalent versions of a contraceptive drug, device, or product, a policy is not required to include all such therapeutic equivalent versions in its formulary, so long as at least one is included and covered without cost-sharing and in accordance with this Section.
- (ii) If an individual's attending provider recommends a particular service or item approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration based on a determination of medical necessity with respect to that individual, the plan or issuer must cover that service or item without cost sharing. The plan or issuer must defer to the determination of the attending provider.
- (iii) If a drug, device, or product is not covered, plans and issuers must have an easily accessible, transparent, and sufficiently expedient process that is not unduly burdensome on the individual or a provider or other individual acting as a patient's authorized representative to ensure coverage without cost sharing.
- (iv) This coverage must provide for the dispensing of 12 months' worth of contraception at one time.
- (B) Voluntary sterilization procedures.

- 1 (C) Contraceptive services, patient education, and counseling on contraception.
  - (D) Follow-up services related to the drugs, devices, products, and procedures covered under this Section, including, but not limited to, management of side effects, counseling for continued adherence, and device insertion and removal.
  - (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a), a policy subject to this subsection (a) shall not impose a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirement on the coverage provided. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to coverage of voluntary male sterilization procedures to the extent such coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 223.
  - (5) Except as otherwise authorized under this subsection(a), a policy shall not impose any restrictions or delays onthe coverage required under this subsection (a).
    - (6) If, at any time, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency, promulgates rules or regulations to be published in the Federal Register or publishes a comment in the Federal Register or issues an opinion, guidance, or other action that would require the State, pursuant to any provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law

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- 1 111-148), including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C.
- 2 18031(d)(3)(B) or any successor provision, to defray the cost
- 3 of any coverage outlined in this subsection (a), then this
- 4 subsection (a) is inoperative with respect to all coverage
- 5 outlined in this subsection (a) other than that authorized
- 6 under Section 1902 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.
- 7 1396a, and the State shall not assume any obligation for the
- 8 cost of the coverage set forth in this subsection (a).
- 9 (b) This subsection (b) shall become operative if and only if subsection (a) becomes inoperative.

An individual or group policy of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed in this State after the date this subsection (b) becomes operative that provides coverage for outpatient services and outpatient prescription drugs or devices must provide coverage for the insured and any dependent of the insured covered by the policy for all outpatient contraceptive services and all outpatient contraceptive drugs and devices approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Coverage required under this Section may not impose any deductible, coinsurance, waiting period, or other cost-sharing or limitation that is greater than that required for any outpatient service or outpatient prescription drug or device otherwise covered by the policy.

Nothing in this subsection (b) shall be construed to require an insurance company to cover services related to permanent sterilization that requires a surgical procedure.

- As used in this subsection (b), "outpatient contraceptive service" means consultations, examinations, procedures, and medical services, provided on an outpatient basis and related to the use of contraceptive methods (including natural family planning) to prevent an unintended pregnancy.
- 6 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require
  7 an insurance company to cover services related to an abortion
  8 as the term "abortion" is defined in the Illinois Abortion Law
  9 of 2025. (Blank).
- 10 (d) If a plan or issuer utilizes a network of providers, 11 nothing in this Section shall be construed to require coverage 12 or to prohibit the plan or issuer from imposing cost-sharing for items or services described in this Section that are 13 14 provided or delivered by an out-of-network provider, unless 15 the plan or issuer does not have in its network a provider who 16 is able to or is willing to provide the applicable items or 17 services.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 103-551, eff. 8-11-23.)
- 19 (215 ILCS 5/356z.4a rep.)
- Section 632. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by repealing Section 356z.4a.
- 22 Section 635. The Health Maintenance Organization Act is 23 amended by changing Section 5-3 as follows:

- 1 (215 ILCS 125/5-3) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1411.2)
- 2 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-808)
- 3 Sec. 5-3. Insurance Code provisions.
- 4 (a) Health Maintenance Organizations shall be subject to
- 5 the provisions of Sections 133, 134, 136, 137, 139, 140,
- 6 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 143, 143.31, 143c, 147, 148, 149, 151,
- 7 152, 153, 154, 154.5, 154.6, 154.7, 154.8, 155.04, 155.22a,
- 8 155.49, 352c, 355.2, 355.3, 355.6, 355b, 355c, 356f, 356g.5-1,
- 9 356m, 356q, 356u.10, 356v, 356w, 356x, 356z.2, 356z.3a,
- 10 356z.4, 356z.4a, 356z.5, 356z.6, 356z.8, 356z.9, 356z.10,
- 11 356z.11, 356z.12, 356z.13, 356z.14, 356z.15, 356z.17, 356z.18,
- 12 356z.19, 356z.20, 356z.21, 356z.22, 356z.23, 356z.24, 356z.25,
- 13 356z.26, 356z.28, 356z.29, 356z.30, 356z.31, 356z.32, 356z.33,
- 14 356z.34, 356z.35, 356z.36, 356z.37, 356z.38, 356z.39, 356z.40,
- 15 356z.40a, 356z.41, 356z.44, 356z.45, 356z.46, 356z.47,
- 16 356z.48, 356z.49, 356z.50, 356z.51, 356z.53, 356z.54, 356z.55,
- 356z.56, 356z.57, 356z.58, 356z.59, 356z.60, 356z.61, 356z.62,
- 18 356z.63, 356z.64, 356z.65, 356z.66, 356z.67, 356z.68, 356z.69,
- 19 356z.70, 356z.71, 356z.72, 356z.73, 356z.74, 356z.75, 356z.77,
- 20 364, 364.01, 364.3, 367.2, 367.2-5, 367i, 368a, 368b, 368c,
- 368d, 368e, 370c, 370c.1, 401, 401.1, 402, 403, 403A, 408,
- 22 408.2, 409, 412, 444, and 444.1, paragraph (c) of subsection
- 23 (2) of Section 367, and Articles IIA, VIII 1/2, XII, XII 1/2,
- 24 XIII, XIII 1/2, XXV, XXVI, and XXXIIB of the Illinois
- 25 Insurance Code.
- 26 (b) For purposes of the Illinois Insurance Code, except

- 1 for Sections 444 and 444.1 and Articles XIII and XIII 1/2,
- 2 Health Maintenance Organizations in the following categories
- 3 are deemed to be "domestic companies":
- (1) a corporation authorized under the Dental Service
  Plan Act or the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act;
- (2) a corporation organized under the laws of this State; or
  - (3) a corporation organized under the laws of another state, 30% or more of the enrollees of which are residents of this State, except a corporation subject to substantially the same requirements in its state of organization as is a "domestic company" under Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code.
  - (c) In considering the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control of a Health Maintenance Organization pursuant to Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code,
    - (1) the Director shall give primary consideration to the continuation of benefits to enrollees and the financial conditions of the acquired Health Maintenance Organization after the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control takes effect;
    - (2)(i) the criteria specified in subsection (1)(b) of Section 131.8 of the Illinois Insurance Code shall not apply and (ii) the Director, in making his determination with respect to the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control, need not take into account the

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2	other a	acqu:	isition of co	ntro	1;			

- (3) the Director shall have the power to require the following information:
  - (A) certification by an independent actuary of the adequacy of the reserves of the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired;
  - (B) pro forma financial statements reflecting the combined balance sheets of the acquiring company and the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired as of the end of the preceding year and as of a date 90 days prior to the acquisition, as well as proforma financial statements reflecting projected combined operation for a period of 2 years;
  - (C) a pro forma business plan detailing an acquiring party's plans with respect to the operation of the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired for a period of not less than 3 years; and
  - (D) such other information as the Director shall require.
- (d) The provisions of Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code and this Section 5-3 shall apply to the sale by any health maintenance organization of greater than 10% of its enrollee population (including, without limitation, the health maintenance organization's right, title, and interest in and to its health care certificates).

- (e) In considering any management contract or service agreement subject to Section 141.1 of the Illinois Insurance Code, the Director (i) shall, in addition to the criteria specified in Section 141.2 of the Illinois Insurance Code, take into account the effect of the management contract or service agreement on the continuation of benefits to enrollees and the financial condition of the health maintenance organization to be managed or serviced, and (ii) need not take into account the effect of the management contract or service agreement on competition.
- (f) Except for small employer groups as defined in the Small Employer Rating, Renewability and Portability Health Insurance Act and except for medicare supplement policies as defined in Section 363 of the Illinois Insurance Code, a Health Maintenance Organization may by contract agree with a group or other enrollment unit to effect refunds or charge additional premiums under the following terms and conditions:
  - (i) the amount of, and other terms and conditions with respect to, the refund or additional premium are set forth in the group or enrollment unit contract agreed in advance of the period for which a refund is to be paid or additional premium is to be charged (which period shall not be less than one year); and
  - (ii) the amount of the refund or additional premium shall not exceed 20% of the Health Maintenance Organization's profitable or unprofitable experience with

respect to the group or other enrollment unit for the period (and, for purposes of a refund or additional premium, the profitable or unprofitable experience shall be calculated taking into account a pro rata share of the Health Maintenance Organization's administrative and marketing expenses, but shall not include any refund to be made or additional premium to be paid pursuant to this subsection (f)). The Health Maintenance Organization and the group or enrollment unit may agree that the profitable or unprofitable experience may be calculated taking into account the refund period and the immediately preceding 2 plan years.

The Health Maintenance Organization shall include a statement in the evidence of coverage issued to each enrollee describing the possibility of a refund or additional premium, and upon request of any group or enrollment unit, provide to the group or enrollment unit a description of the method used to calculate (1) the Health Maintenance Organization's profitable experience with respect to the group or enrollment unit and the resulting refund to the group or enrollment unit or (2) the Health Maintenance Organization's unprofitable experience with respect to the group or enrollment unit and the resulting additional premium to be paid by the group or enrollment unit.

In no event shall the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association be liable to pay any

- 1 contractual obligation of an insolvent organization to pay any
- 2 refund authorized under this Section.
- 3 (g) Rulemaking authority to implement Public Act 95-1045,
- 4 if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in
- 5 accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative
- 6 Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint
- 7 Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so
- 8 adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 102-30, eff. 1-1-22; 102-34, eff. 6-25-21;
- 10 102-203, eff. 1-1-22; 102-306, eff. 1-1-22; 102-443, eff.
- 11 1-1-22; 102-589, eff. 1-1-22; 102-642, eff. 1-1-22; 102-665,
- 12 eff. 10-8-21; 102-731, eff. 1-1-23; 102-775, eff. 5-13-22;
- 13 102-804, eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-816, eff.
- 14 1-1-23; 102-860, eff. 1-1-23; 102-901, eff. 7-1-22; 102-1093,
- 15 eff. 1-1-23; 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23; 103-84, eff. 1-1-24;
- 16 103-91, eff. 1-1-24; 103-123, eff. 1-1-24; 103-154, eff.
- 17 6-30-23; 103-420, eff. 1-1-24; 103-426, eff. 8-4-23; 103-445,
- 18 eff. 1-1-24; 103-551, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;
- 19 103-618, eff. 1-1-25; 103-649, eff. 1-1-25; 103-656, eff.
- 20 1-1-25; 103-700, eff. 1-1-25; 103-718, eff. 7-19-24; 103-751,
- 21 eff. 8-2-24; 103-753, eff. 8-2-24; 103-758, eff. 1-1-25;
- 22 103-777, eff. 8-2-24; 103-914, eff. 1-1-25; 103-918, eff.
- 23 1-1-25; 103-1024, eff. 1-1-25; revised 9-26-24.)
- 24 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-808)
- 25 Sec. 5-3. Insurance Code provisions.

- 1 (a) Health Maintenance Organizations shall be subject to 2 the provisions of Sections 133, 134, 136, 137, 139, 140, 3 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 143, 143.31, 143c, 147, 148, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 154.5, 154.6, 154.7, 154.8, 155.04, 155.22a, 4 155.49, 352c, 355.2, 355.3, 355.6, 355b, 355c, 356f, 356q, 5 356q.5-1, 356m, 356q, 356u.10, 356v, 356w, 356x, 356z.2, 6 7 356z.3a, 356z.4, <del>356z.4a,</del> 356z.5, 356z.6, 356z.8, 356z.9, 356z.10, 356z.11, 356z.12, 356z.13, 356z.14, 356z.15, 356z.17, 8 9 356z.18, 356z.19, 356z.20, 356z.21, 356z.22, 356z.23, 356z.24, 10 356z.25, 356z.26, 356z.28, 356z.29, <del>356z.30,</del> 356z.31, <del>356z.32,</del> 11 356z.33, 356z.34, 356z.35, 356z.36, 356z.37, 356z.38, 356z.39, 12 356z.40, 356z.40a, 356z.41, 356z.44, 356z.45, 356z.46, 356z.47, 356z.48, 356z.49, 356z.50, 356z.51, 356z.53, 356z.54, 13 14 356z.55, 356z.56, 356z.57, 356z.58, 356z.59, 356z.60, 356z.61, 356z.62, 356z.63, 356z.64, 356z.65, 356z.66, 356z.67, 356z.68, 15 16 356z.69, 356z.70, 356z.71, 356z.72, 356z.73, 356z.74, 356z.75, 356z.77, 364, 364.01, 364.3, 367.2, 367.2-5, 367i, 368a, 368b, 17 368c, 368d, 368e, 370c, 370c.1, 401, 401.1, 402, 403, 403A, 18 408, 408.2, 409, 412, 444, and 444.1, paragraph (c) of 19 subsection (2) of Section 367, and Articles IIA, VIII 1/2, 20 XII, XII 1/2, XIII, XIII 1/2, XXV, XXVI, and XXXIIB of the 21 22 Illinois Insurance Code. 23 (b) For purposes of the Illinois Insurance Code, except
- for Sections 444 and 444.1 and Articles XIII and XIII 1/2,
  Health Maintenance Organizations in the following categories
  are deemed to be "domestic companies":

- 1 (1) a corporation authorized under the Dental Service 2 Plan Act or the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act;
  - (2) a corporation organized under the laws of this State; or
  - (3) a corporation organized under the laws of another state, 30% or more of the enrollees of which are residents of this State, except a corporation subject to substantially the same requirements in its state of organization as is a "domestic company" under Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code.
  - (c) In considering the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control of a Health Maintenance Organization pursuant to Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code,
    - (1) the Director shall give primary consideration to the continuation of benefits to enrollees and the financial conditions of the acquired Health Maintenance Organization after the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control takes effect;
    - (2) (i) the criteria specified in subsection (1) (b) of Section 131.8 of the Illinois Insurance Code shall not apply and (ii) the Director, in making his determination with respect to the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control, need not take into account the effect on competition of the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of control;
      - (3) the Director shall have the power to require the

## following information:

- (A) certification by an independent actuary of the adequacy of the reserves of the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired;
- (B) pro forma financial statements reflecting the combined balance sheets of the acquiring company and the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired as of the end of the preceding year and as of a date 90 days prior to the acquisition, as well as proforma financial statements reflecting projected combined operation for a period of 2 years;
- (C) a pro forma business plan detailing an acquiring party's plans with respect to the operation of the Health Maintenance Organization sought to be acquired for a period of not less than 3 years; and
- (D) such other information as the Director shall require.
- (d) The provisions of Article VIII 1/2 of the Illinois Insurance Code and this Section 5-3 shall apply to the sale by any health maintenance organization of greater than 10% of its enrollee population (including, without limitation, the health maintenance organization's right, title, and interest in and to its health care certificates).
- (e) In considering any management contract or service agreement subject to Section 141.1 of the Illinois Insurance Code, the Director (i) shall, in addition to the criteria

- specified in Section 141.2 of the Illinois Insurance Code, take into account the effect of the management contract or service agreement on the continuation of benefits to enrollees and the financial condition of the health maintenance organization to be managed or serviced, and (ii) need not take into account the effect of the management contract or service agreement on competition.
  - (f) Except for small employer groups as defined in the Small Employer Rating, Renewability and Portability Health Insurance Act and except for medicare supplement policies as defined in Section 363 of the Illinois Insurance Code, a Health Maintenance Organization may by contract agree with a group or other enrollment unit to effect refunds or charge additional premiums under the following terms and conditions:
    - (i) the amount of, and other terms and conditions with respect to, the refund or additional premium are set forth in the group or enrollment unit contract agreed in advance of the period for which a refund is to be paid or additional premium is to be charged (which period shall not be less than one year); and
    - (ii) the amount of the refund or additional premium shall not exceed 20% of the Health Maintenance Organization's profitable or unprofitable experience with respect to the group or other enrollment unit for the period (and, for purposes of a refund or additional premium, the profitable or unprofitable experience shall

be calculated taking into account a pro rata share of the Health Maintenance Organization's administrative and marketing expenses, but shall not include any refund to be made or additional premium to be paid pursuant to this subsection (f)). The Health Maintenance Organization and the group or enrollment unit may agree that the profitable or unprofitable experience may be calculated taking into account the refund period and the immediately preceding 2 plan years.

The Health Maintenance Organization shall include a statement in the evidence of coverage issued to each enrollee describing the possibility of a refund or additional premium, and upon request of any group or enrollment unit, provide to the group or enrollment unit a description of the method used to calculate (1) the Health Maintenance Organization's profitable experience with respect to the group or enrollment unit and the resulting refund to the group or enrollment unit or (2) the Health Maintenance Organization's unprofitable experience with respect to the group or enrollment unit and the resulting additional premium to be paid by the group or enrollment unit.

In no event shall the Illinois Health Maintenance Organization Guaranty Association be liable to pay any contractual obligation of an insolvent organization to pay any refund authorized under this Section.

(g) Rulemaking authority to implement Public Act 95-1045,

- 1 if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in
- 2 accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative
- 3 Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint
- 4 Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so
- 5 adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 102-30, eff. 1-1-22; 102-34, eff. 6-25-21;
- 7 102-203, eff. 1-1-22; 102-306, eff. 1-1-22; 102-443, eff.
- 8 1-1-22; 102-589, eff. 1-1-22; 102-642, eff. 1-1-22; 102-665,
- 9 eff. 10-8-21; 102-731, eff. 1-1-23; 102-775, eff. 5-13-22;
- 10 102-804, eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-816, eff.
- 11 1-1-23; 102-860, eff. 1-1-23; 102-901, eff. 7-1-22; 102-1093,
- 12 eff. 1-1-23; 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23; 103-84, eff. 1-1-24;
- 13 103-91, eff. 1-1-24; 103-123, eff. 1-1-24; 103-154, eff.
- 14 6-30-23; 103-420, eff. 1-1-24; 103-426, eff. 8-4-23; 103-445,
- 15 eff. 1-1-24; 103-551, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;
- 16 103-618, eff. 1-1-25; 103-649, eff. 1-1-25; 103-656, eff.
- 17 1-1-25; 103-700, eff. 1-1-25; 103-718, eff. 7-19-24; 103-751,
- 18 eff. 8-2-24; 103-753, eff. 8-2-24; 103-758, eff. 1-1-25;
- 19 103-777, eff. 8-2-24; 103-808, eff. 1-1-26; 103-914, eff.
- 20 1-1-25; 103-918, eff. 1-1-25; 103-1024, eff. 1-1-25; revised
- 21 11-26-24.)
- 22 Section 640. The Voluntary Health Services Plans Act is
- 23 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:
- 24 (215 ILCS 165/10) (from Ch. 32, par. 604)

- Sec. 10. Application of Insurance Code provisions. Health 1 2 services plan corporations and all persons interested therein or dealing therewith shall be subject to the provisions of 3 Articles IIA and XII 1/2 and Sections 3.1, 133, 136, 139, 140, 4 5 143, 143.31, 143c, 149, 155.22a, 155.37, 354, 355.2, 355.3, 355b, 355d, 356q, 356q.5, 356q.5-1, 356m, 356q, 356r, 356t, 6 7 356u, 356u.10, 356v, 356w, 356x, 356y, 356z.1, 356z.2, 356z.3a, 356z.4, <del>356z.4a,</del> 356z.5, 356z.6, 356z.8, 356z.9, 8 356z.10, 356z.11, 356z.12, 356z.13, 356z.14, 356z.15, 356z.18, 9 10 356z.19, 356z.21, 356z.22, 356z.25, 356z.26, 356z.29, <del>356z.30,</del> 11 356z.32, 356z.32a, 356z.33, 356z.40, 356z.41, 356z.46, 12 356z.47, 356z.51, 356z.53, 356z.54, 356z.56, 356z.57, 356z.59, 356z.60, 356z.61, 356z.62, 356z.64, 356z.67, 356z.68, 356z.71, 13 14 356z.72, 356z.74, 356z.75, 356z.77, 364.01, 364.3, 367.2, 368a, 401, 401.1, 402, 403, 403A, 408, 408.2, and 412, and 15 16 paragraphs (7) and (15) of Section 367 of the Illinois 17 Insurance Code.
- Rulemaking authority to implement Public Act 95-1045, if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-30, eff. 1-1-22; 102-203, eff. 1-1-22;
- 25 102-306, eff. 1-1-22; 102-642, eff. 1-1-22; 102-665, eff.
- 26 10-8-21; 102-731, eff. 1-1-23; 102-775, eff. 5-13-22; 102-804,

- 1 eff. 1-1-23; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-816, eff. 1-1-23;
- 2 102-860, eff. 1-1-23; 102-901, eff. 7-1-22; 102-1093, eff.
- 3 1-1-23; 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23; 103-84, eff. 1-1-24; 103-91,
- 4 eff. 1-1-24; 103-420, eff. 1-1-24; 103-445, eff. 1-1-24;
- 5 103-551, eff. 8-11-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-656, eff.
- 6 1-1-25; 103-718, eff. 7-19-24; 103-751, eff. 8-2-24; 103-753,
- 7 eff. 8-2-24; 103-758, eff. 1-1-25; 103-832, eff. 1-1-25;
- 8 103-914, eff. 1-1-25; 103-918, eff. 1-1-25; 103-1024, eff.
- 9 1-1-25; revised 11-26-24.)
- 10 Section 645. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended
- 11 by changing Sections 22 and 36 as follows:
- 12 (225 ILCS 60/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-22)
- 13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)
- 14 Sec. 22. Disciplinary action.
- 15 (A) The Department may revoke, suspend, place on
- 16 probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any
- 17 other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the
- 18 Department may deem proper with regard to the license or
- 19 permit of any person issued under this Act, including imposing
- fines not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, upon any of the
- 21 following grounds:
- 22 (1) Performance of an elective abortion in any place,
- locale, facility, or institution other than: (Blank).
- 24 (a) a facility licensed pursuant to the Ambulatory

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1	Surgical Treatment Center Act;
2	(b) an institution licensed under the Hospital
3	Licensing Act;
4	(c) an ambulatory surgical treatment center or
5	hospitalization or care facility maintained by the
6	State or any agency thereof, where such department or
7	agency has authority under law to establish and
8	enforce standards for the ambulatory surgical
9	treatment centers, hospitalizations, or care
10	facilities under its management and control;
11	(d) ambulatory surgical treatment centers,
12	hospitalization, or care facilities maintained by the
13	<pre>federal government; or</pre>
14	(e) ambulatory surgical treatment centers,
15	hospitalization, or care facilities maintained by any
16	university or college established under the laws of
17	this State and supported principally by public funds
18	raised by taxation.
19	(2) Performance of an abortion procedure in a willful
20	and wanton manner on a woman who was not pregnant at the
21	time the abortion procedure was performed. (Blank).
22	(3) A plea of guilty or nolo contendere, finding of
23	guilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or sentencing,

including, but not limited to, convictions, preceding

sentences of supervision, conditional discharge, or first

offender probation, under the laws of any jurisdiction of

- 1 the United States of any crime that is a felony.
  - (4) Gross negligence in practice under this Act.
    - (5) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.
      - (6) Obtaining any fee by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
      - (7) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs defined in law as controlled substances, of alcohol, or of any other substances which results in the inability to practice with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.
      - (8) Practicing under a false or, except as provided by law, an assumed name.
      - (9) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for, or procuring, a license under this Act or in connection with applying for renewal of a license under this Act.
      - (10) Making a false or misleading statement regarding their skill or the efficacy or value of the medicine, treatment, or remedy prescribed by them at their direction in the treatment of any disease or other condition of the body or mind.
      - (11) Allowing another person or organization to use their license, procured under this Act, to practice.
      - (12) Adverse action taken by another state or jurisdiction against a license or other authorization to practice as a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, doctor

of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of chiropractic, a certified copy of the record of the action taken by the other state or jurisdiction being prima facie evidence thereof. This includes any adverse action taken by a State or federal agency that prohibits a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of chiropractic from providing services to the agency's participants.

- (13) Violation of any provision of this Act or of the Medical Practice Act prior to the repeal of that Act, or violation of the rules, or a final administrative action of the Secretary, after consideration of the recommendation of the Medical Board.
- (14) Violation of the prohibition against fee splitting in Section 22.2 of this Act.
- (15) A finding by the Medical Board that the registrant after having his or her license placed on probationary status or subjected to conditions or restrictions violated the terms of the probation or failed to comply with such terms or conditions.
  - (16) Abandonment of a patient.
- (17) Prescribing, selling, administering, distributing, giving, or self-administering any drug classified as a controlled substance (designated product) or narcotic for other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes.

- (18) Promotion of the sale of drugs, devices, appliances, or goods provided for a patient in such manner as to exploit the patient for financial gain of the physician.
- (19) Offering, undertaking, or agreeing to cure or treat disease by a secret method, procedure, treatment, or medicine, or the treating, operating, or prescribing for any human condition by a method, means, or procedure which the licensee refuses to divulge upon demand of the Department.
- (20) Immoral conduct in the commission of any act, including, but not limited to, commission of an act of sexual misconduct related to the licensee's practice.
- (21) Willfully making or filing false records or reports in his or her practice as a physician, including, but not limited to, false records to support claims against the medical assistance program of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Department of Public Aid) under the Illinois Public Aid Code.
- (22) Willful omission to file or record, or willfully impeding the filing or recording, or inducing another person to omit to file or record, medical reports as required by law, or willfully failing to report an instance of suspected abuse or neglect as required by law.
- (23) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated report by the Department of Children and Family Services

under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the licensee has caused a child to be an abused child or neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

- (24) Solicitation of professional patronage by any corporation, agents, or persons, or profiting from those representing themselves to be agents of the licensee.
- (25) Gross and willful and continued overcharging for professional services, including filing false statements for collection of fees for which services are not rendered, including, but not limited to, filing such false statements for collection of monies for services not rendered from the medical assistance program of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Department of Public Aid) under the Illinois Public Aid Code.
- (26) A pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates incapacity or incompetence to practice under this Act.
- (27) Mental illness or disability which results in the inability to practice under this Act with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.
- (28) Physical illness, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, or loss of motor skill which results in a physician's inability to practice

- 1 under this Act with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.
  - (29) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the licensing examinations administered under this Act.
    - (30) Willfully or negligently violating the confidentiality between physician and patient except as required by law.
    - (31) The use of any false, fraudulent, or deceptive statement in any document connected with practice under this Act.
    - (32) Aiding and abetting an individual not licensed under this Act in the practice of a profession licensed under this Act.
    - (33) Violating State or federal laws or regulations relating to controlled substances, legend drugs, or ephedra as defined in the Ephedra Prohibition Act.
    - (34) Failure to report to the Department any adverse final action taken against them by another licensing jurisdiction (any other state or any territory of the United States or any foreign state or country), by any peer review body, by any health care institution, by any professional society or association related to practice under this Act, by any governmental agency, by any law enforcement agency, or by any court for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action as defined in this Section.
      - (35) Failure to report to the Department surrender of

- a license or authorization to practice as a medical doctor, a doctor of osteopathy, a doctor of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of chiropractic in another state or jurisdiction, or surrender of membership on any medical staff or in any medical or professional association or society, while under disciplinary investigation by any of those authorities or bodies, for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action as defined in this Section.
- (36) Failure to report to the Department any adverse judgment, settlement, or award arising from a liability claim related to acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action as defined in this Section.
- (37) Failure to provide copies of medical records as required by law.
- (38) Failure to furnish the Department, its investigators or representatives, relevant information, legally requested by the Department after consultation with the Chief Medical Coordinator or the Deputy Medical Coordinator.
- (39) Violating the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act.
- (40) (Blank).
- 25 (41) Failure to establish and maintain records of 26 patient care and treatment as required by this law.

1	(42) Entering into an excessive number of written
2	collaborative agreements with licensed advanced practice
3	registered nurses resulting in an inability to adequately
4	collaborate.

- (43) Repeated failure to adequately collaborate with a licensed advanced practice registered nurse.
- (44) Violating the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.
- (45) Entering into an excessive number of written collaborative agreements with licensed prescribing psychologists resulting in an inability to adequately collaborate.
- (46) Repeated failure to adequately collaborate with a licensed prescribing psychologist.
- (47) Willfully failing to report an instance of suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of an eligible adult as defined in and required by the Adult Protective Services Act.
- (48) Being named as an abuser in a verified report by the Department on Aging under the Adult Protective Services Act, and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the licensee abused, neglected, or financially exploited an eligible adult as defined in the Adult Protective Services Act.
- (49) Entering into an excessive number of written collaborative agreements with licensed physician

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assistants resulting in an inability to adequately collaborate.

(50) Repeated failure to adequately collaborate with a physician assistant.

Except for actions involving the ground numbered (26), all proceedings to suspend, revoke, place on probationary status, or take any other disciplinary action as the Department may deem proper, with regard to a license on any of the foregoing grounds, must be commenced within 5 years next after receipt by the Department of a complaint alleging the commission of or notice of the conviction order for any of the acts described herein. Except for the grounds numbered (8), (9), (26), and (29), no action shall be commenced more than 10 years after the date of the incident or act alleged to have violated this Section. For actions involving the ground numbered (26), a pattern of practice or other behavior includes all incidents alleged to be part of the pattern of practice or other behavior that occurred, or a report pursuant to Section 23 of this Act received, within the 10-year period preceding the filing of the complaint. In the event of the settlement of any claim or cause of action in favor of the claimant or the reduction to final judgment of any civil action in favor of the plaintiff, such claim, cause of action, or civil action being grounded on the allegation that a person licensed under this Act was negligent in providing care, the Department shall have an additional period of 2 years from the date of notification to

the Department under Section 23 of this Act of such settlement or final judgment in which to investigate and commence formal disciplinary proceedings under Section 36 of this Act, except as otherwise provided by law. The time during which the holder of the license was outside the State of Illinois shall not be included within any period of time limiting the commencement of disciplinary action by the Department.

The entry of an order or judgment by any circuit court establishing that any person holding a license under this Act is a person in need of mental treatment operates as a suspension of that license. That person may resume his or her practice only upon the entry of a Departmental order based upon a finding by the Medical Board that the person has been determined to be recovered from mental illness by the court and upon the Medical Board's recommendation that the person be permitted to resume his or her practice.

The Department may refuse to issue or take disciplinary action concerning the license of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The Department, upon the recommendation of the Medical Board, shall adopt rules which set forth standards to be used

- 1 in determining:
- 2 (a) when a person will be deemed sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;
  - (b) what constitutes dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;
    - (c) what constitutes immoral conduct in the commission of any act, including, but not limited to, commission of an act of sexual misconduct related to the licensee's practice; and
- 11 (d) what constitutes gross negligence in the practice 12 of medicine.

However, no such rule shall be admissible into evidence in any civil action except for review of a licensing or other disciplinary action under this Act.

In enforcing this Section, the Medical Board, upon a showing of a possible violation, may compel any individual who is licensed to practice under this Act or holds a permit to practice under this Act, or any individual who has applied for licensure or a permit pursuant to this Act, to submit to a mental or physical examination and evaluation, or both, which may include a substance abuse or sexual offender evaluation, as required by the Medical Board and at the expense of the Department. The Medical Board shall specifically designate the examining physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or, if applicable, the multidisciplinary team

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involved in providing the mental or physical examination and evaluation, or both. The multidisciplinary team shall be led by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches and may consist of one or more or a combination of physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, licensed chiropractic physicians, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical professional counselors, and other professional and administrative staff. Any examining physician or member of the multidisciplinary team may require any person ordered to submit to an examination and evaluation pursuant to this Section to submit to any additional supplemental testing deemed necessary to complete any examination or evaluation process, including, but not limited to, blood testing, urinalysis, psychological testing, or neuropsychological testing. The Medical Board or the Department may order the examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team to provide to the Department or the Medical Board any and all records, including business records, that relate to the examination and evaluation, including any supplemental testing performed. The Medical Board or the Department may order the examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team to present testimony concerning this examination and evaluation of the licensee, permit holder, or applicant, including testimony concerning any supplemental testing or documents relating to the examination and evaluation. No

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information, report, record, or other documents in any way related to the examination and evaluation shall be excluded by reason of any common law or statutory privilege relating to communication between the licensee, permit holder, applicant and the examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team. No authorization is necessary from the licensee, permit holder, or applicant ordered to undergo an evaluation and examination for the examining physician or any member of the multidisciplinary team to provide information, reports, records, or other documents or to provide testimony regarding the examination and evaluation. The individual to be examined may have, at his or her own expense, another physician of his or her choice present during all aspects of the examination. Failure of any individual to submit to mental or physical examination and evaluation, or both, when directed, shall result in an automatic suspension, without hearing, until such time as the individual submits to the examination. If the Medical Board finds a physician unable to practice following an examination and evaluation because of the reasons set forth in this Section, the Medical Board shall require such physician to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians, or other health care professionals, approved or designated by the Medical Board, as a condition for issued, continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure to practice. Any physician, whose license was granted pursuant to Section 9, 17, or 19 of this Act, or, continued, reinstated,

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renewed, disciplined, or supervised, subject to such terms, conditions, or restrictions who shall fail to comply with such terms, conditions, or restrictions, or to complete a required program of care, counseling, or treatment, as determined by the Chief Medical Coordinator or Deputy Medical Coordinators, shall be referred to the Secretary for a determination as to whether the licensee shall have his or her license suspended immediately, pending a hearing by the Medical Board. In instances in which the Secretary immediately suspends a license under this Section, a hearing upon such person's license must be convened by the Medical Board within 15 days after such suspension and completed without appreciable delay. The Medical Board shall have the authority to review the subject physician's record of treatment and counseling regarding the impairment, to the extent permitted applicable federal statutes and regulations safeguarding the confidentiality of medical records.

An individual licensed under this Act, affected under this Section, shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the Medical Board that he or she can resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the provisions of his or her license.

The Medical Board, in determining mental capacity of an individual licensed under this Act, shall consider the latest recommendations of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

The Department may promulgate rules for the imposition of

fines in disciplinary cases, not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of this Act. Fines may be imposed in conjunction with other forms of disciplinary action, but shall not be the exclusive disposition of any disciplinary action arising out of conduct resulting in death or injury to a patient. Any funds collected from such fines shall be deposited in the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Fund.

All fines imposed under this Section shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the fine or in accordance with the terms set forth in the order imposing the fine.

- (B) The Department shall revoke the license or permit issued under this Act to practice medicine of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a chiropractic physician who has been convicted a second time of committing any felony under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or who has been convicted a second time of committing a Class 1 felony under Sections 8A-3 and 8A-6 of the Illinois Public Aid Code. A person whose license or permit is revoked under this subsection (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  shall be prohibited from practicing medicine or treating human ailments without the use of drugs and without operative surgery.
- (C) The Department shall not revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, refuse to issue or renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action against the license or permit issued under this Act to practice medicine

1 to a physician:

- (1) based solely upon the recommendation of the physician to an eligible patient regarding, or prescription for, or treatment with, an investigational drug, biological product, or device;
  - (2) for experimental treatment for Lyme disease or other tick-borne diseases, including, but not limited to, the prescription of or treatment with long-term antibiotics;
  - (3) based solely upon the physician providing, authorizing, recommending, aiding, assisting, referring for, or otherwise participating in any health care service, so long as the care was not unlawful under the laws of this State, regardless of whether the patient was a resident of this State or another state; or
  - (4) based upon the physician's license being revoked or suspended, or the physician being otherwise disciplined by any other state, if that revocation, suspension, or other form of discipline was based solely on the physician violating another state's laws prohibiting the provision of, authorization of, recommendation of, aiding or assisting in, referring for, or participation in any health care service if that health care service as provided would not have been unlawful under the laws of this State and is consistent with the standards of conduct for the physician if it occurred in Illinois.

- 1 (D) (Blank).
- 2 (E) The conduct specified in subsection (C) shall not 3 trigger reporting requirements under Section 23, constitute 4 grounds for suspension under Section 25, or be included on the 5 physician's profile required under Section 10 of the Patients' 6 Right to Know Act.
- 7 (F) An applicant seeking licensure, certification, or 8 authorization pursuant to this Act and who has been subject to 9 disciplinary action by a duly authorized professional 10 disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction solely on the basis of having provided, authorized, recommended, aided, 11 12 assisted, referred for, or otherwise participated in health 13 care shall not be denied such licensure, certification, or 14 authorization, unless the Department determines that the 15 action would have constituted professional misconduct in this 16 State; however, nothing in this Section shall be construed as 17 prohibiting the Department from evaluating the conduct of the applicant and making a determination regarding the licensure, 18 19 certification, or authorization to practice a profession under 20 this Act.
- 21 (G) The Department may adopt rules to implement the 22 changes made by <u>Public Act 102-1117</u> this amendatory Act of the 23 <del>102nd General Assembly</del>.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;
- 25 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23; 103-442, eff.
- 26 1-1-24; revised 10-22-24.)

accused.

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- 1 (225 ILCS 60/36) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-36)
- 2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)
- 3 Sec. 36. Investigation; notice.
- 4 (a) Upon the motion of either the Department or the
  5 Medical Board or upon the verified complaint in writing of any
  6 person setting forth facts which, if proven, would constitute
  7 grounds for suspension or revocation under Section 22 of this
  8 Act, the Department shall investigate the actions of any
  9 person, so accused, who holds or represents that he or she
  10 holds a license. Such person is hereinafter called the
  - (b) The Department shall, before suspending, revoking, placing on probationary status, or taking any other disciplinary action as the Department may deem proper with regard to any license at least 30 days prior to the date set for the hearing, notify the accused in writing of any charges made and the time and place for a hearing of the charges before the Medical Board, direct him or her to file his or her written answer thereto to the Medical Board under oath within 20 days after the service on him or her of such notice and inform him or her that if he or she fails to file such answer default will be taken against him or her and his or her license may be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or have other disciplinary action, including limiting the scope, nature or extent of his or her practice, as the Department may

- deem proper taken with regard thereto. The Department shall, at least 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing, notify in writing any person who filed a complaint against the accused of the time and place for the hearing of the charges against the accused before the Medical Board and inform such person whether he or she may provide testimony at the hearing.
  - investigation of the Department, and after hearing, to have performed an abortion procedure in a wilful and wanton manner upon a woman who was not pregnant at the time such abortion procedure was performed, the Department shall automatically revoke the license of such physician to practice medicine in this State. (Blank).
  - (d) Such written notice and any notice in such proceedings thereafter may be served by personal delivery, email to the respondent's email address of record, or mail to the respondent's address of record.
  - (e) All information gathered by the Department during its investigation including information subpoenaed under Section 23 or 38 of this Act and the investigative file shall be kept for the confidential use of the Secretary, the Medical Board, the Medical Coordinators, persons employed by contract to advise the Medical Coordinator or the Department, the Medical Board's attorneys, the medical investigative staff, and authorized clerical staff, as provided in this Act and shall be afforded the same status as is provided information

- concerning medical studies in Part 21 of Article VIII of the 1 2 Code of Civil Procedure, except that the Department may 3 disclose information and documents to a federal, State, or local law enforcement agency pursuant to a subpoena in an 5 ongoing criminal investigation to a health care licensing body of this State or another state or jurisdiction pursuant to an 6 official request made by that licensing body. Furthermore, 7 information and documents disclosed to a federal, State, or 8 9 local law enforcement agency may be used by that agency only 10 for the investigation and prosecution of a criminal offense 11 or, in the case of disclosure to a health care licensing body, 12 only for investigations and disciplinary action proceedings with regard to a license issued by that licensing body. 13 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19; 101-316, eff. 8-9-19; 14
- Section 650. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing

  Sections 65-35 and 65-43 as follows:
- 18 (225 ILCS 65/65-35) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-15)

102-20, eff. 1-1-22; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

- 19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)
- 20 Sec. 65-35. Written collaborative agreements.
- 21 (a) A written collaborative agreement is required for all 22 advanced practice registered nurses engaged in clinical 23 practice prior to meeting the requirements of Section 65-43, 24 except for advanced practice registered nurses who are

- privileged to practice in a hospital, hospital affiliate, or ambulatory surgical treatment center.
  - (a-5) If an advanced practice registered nurse engages in clinical practice outside of a hospital, hospital affiliate, or ambulatory surgical treatment center in which he or she is privileged to practice, the advanced practice registered nurse must have a written collaborative agreement, except as set forth in Section 65-43.
    - (b) A written collaborative agreement shall describe the relationship of the advanced practice registered nurse with the collaborating physician and shall describe the categories of care, treatment, or procedures to be provided by the advanced practice registered nurse. A collaborative agreement with a podiatric physician must be in accordance with subsection (c-5) or (c-15) of this Section. A collaborative agreement with a dentist must be in accordance with subsection (c-10) of this Section. A collaborative agreement with a podiatric physician must be in accordance with subsection (c-5) of this Section. Collaboration does not require an employment relationship between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse.

The collaborative relationship under an agreement shall not be construed to require the personal presence of a collaborating physician at the place where services are rendered. Methods of communication shall be available for consultation with the collaborating physician in person or by

- telecommunications or electronic communications as set forth
  in the written agreement.
  - (b-5) Absent an employment relationship, a written collaborative agreement may not (1) restrict the categories of patients of an advanced practice registered nurse within the scope of the advanced practice registered nurses training and experience, (2) limit third party payors or government health programs, such as the medical assistance program or Medicare with which the advanced practice registered nurse contracts, or (3) limit the geographic area or practice location of the advanced practice registered nurse in this State.
  - (c) In the case of anesthesia services provided by a certified registered nurse anesthetist, an anesthesiologist, a physician, a dentist, or a podiatric physician must participate through discussion of and agreement with the anesthesia plan and remain physically present and available on the premises during the delivery of anesthesia services for diagnosis, consultation, and treatment of emergency medical conditions.
  - (c-5) A certified registered nurse anesthetist, who provides anesthesia services outside of a hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center shall enter into a written collaborative agreement with an anesthesiologist or the physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or the podiatric physician performing the procedure. Outside of a hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center,

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the certified registered nurse anesthetist may provide only those services that the collaborating podiatric physician is authorized to provide pursuant to the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987 and rules adopted thereunder. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may select, order, and administer medication, including controlled substances, and apply appropriate medical devices for delivery of anesthesia services under the anesthesia plan agreed with by the anesthesiologist or the operating physician or operating podiatric physician.

(c-10) A certified registered nurse anesthetist who provides anesthesia services in a dental office shall enter written collaborative а agreement with anesthesiologist or the physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or the operating dentist performing the procedure. The agreement shall describe the working relationship of the certified registered nurse anesthetist and dentist and shall authorize the categories of care, treatment, or procedures to be performed by the certified registered nurse anesthetist. In a collaborating dentist's office, the certified registered nurse anesthetist may only provide those services that the operating dentist with the appropriate permit is authorized to provide pursuant to the Illinois Dental Practice Act and rules adopted thereunder. For anesthesia services, an anesthesiologist, physician, or operating dentist shall participate through

discussion of and agreement with the anesthesia plan and shall remain physically present and be available on the premises during the delivery of anesthesia services for diagnosis, consultation, and treatment of emergency medical conditions. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may select, order, and administer medication, including controlled substances, and apply appropriate medical devices for delivery of anesthesia services under the anesthesia plan agreed with by the operating dentist.

- (c-15) An advanced practice registered nurse who had a written collaborative agreement with a podiatric physician immediately before the effective date of Public Act 100-513 may continue in that collaborative relationship or enter into a new written collaborative relationship with a podiatric physician under the requirements of this Section and Section 65-40, as those Sections existed immediately before the amendment of those Sections by Public Act 100-513 with regard to a written collaborative agreement between an advanced practice registered nurse and a podiatric physician.
- (d) A copy of the signed, written collaborative agreement must be available to the Department upon request from both the advanced practice registered nurse and the collaborating physician, dentist, or podiatric physician.
- (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a licensed practical nurse, a registered professional nurse, or other

- 1 persons in accordance with Section 54.2 of the Medical
- 2 Practice Act of 1987. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
- 3 limit the method of delegation that may be authorized by any
- 4 means, including, but not limited to, oral, written,
- 5 electronic, standing orders, protocols, guidelines, or verbal
- 6 orders.
- 7 (e-5) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
- 8 an advanced practice registered nurse to provide health care
- 9 services required by law or rule to be performed by a
- 10 physician, including those acts to be performed by a physician
- in Section 3.1 of the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025. The scope
- 12 of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse does not
- 13 include operative surgery. Nothing in this Section shall be
- 14 construed to preclude an advanced practice registered nurse
- 15 <u>from assisting in surgery.</u>
- 16 (f) An advanced practice registered nurse shall inform
- each collaborating physician, dentist, or podiatric physician
- of all collaborative agreements he or she has signed and
- 19 provide a copy of these to any collaborating physician,
- dentist, or podiatric physician upon request.
- 21 (g) (Blank).
- 22 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 100-577, eff. 1-26-18;
- 23 100-1096, eff. 8-26-18; 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 24 (225 ILCS 65/65-43)
- 25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

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- 1 Sec. 65-43. Full practice authority.
  - (a) An Illinois-licensed advanced practice registered nurse certified as a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist shall be deemed by law to possess the ability to practice without a written collaborative agreement as set forth in this Section.
    - (b) An advanced practice registered nurse certified as a midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse or nurse practitioner who files with the Department a notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing education or training and at least 4,000 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national certification shall not require a written collaborative agreement. Documentation of successful completion shall be provided to the Department upon request.

Continuing education or training hours required by subsection (b) shall be in the advanced practice registered nurse's area of certification as set forth by Department rule.

The clinical experience must be in the advanced practice registered nurse's area of certification. The clinical experience shall be in collaboration with a physician or physicians. Completion of the clinical experience must be attested to by the collaborating physician or physicians or employer and the advanced practice registered nurse. If the collaborating physician or physicians or employer is unable to attest to the completion of the clinical experience, the

- Department may accept other evidence of clinical experience as established by rule.
  - (c) The scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority includes:
    - (1) all matters included in subsection (c) of Section 65-30 of this Act;
    - (2) practicing without a written collaborative agreement in all practice settings consistent with national certification;
    - (3) authority to prescribe both legend drugs and Schedule II through V controlled substances; this authority includes prescription of, selection of, orders for, administration of, storage of, acceptance of samples of, and dispensing over the counter medications, legend drugs, and controlled substances categorized as any Schedule II through V controlled substances, as defined in Article II of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, and other preparations, including, but not limited to, botanical and herbal remedies;
    - (4) prescribing Schedule II narcotic drugs, such as opioids, only in a consultation relationship with a physician; this consultation relationship shall be recorded in the Prescription Monitoring Program website, pursuant to Section 316 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, by the physician and advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority and is not

required to be filed with the Department; the specific Schedule II narcotic drug must be identified by either brand name or generic name; the specific Schedule II narcotic drug, such as an opioid, may be administered by oral dosage or topical or transdermal application; delivery by injection or other route of administration is not permitted; at least monthly, the advanced practice registered nurse and the physician must discuss the condition of any patients for whom an opioid is prescribed; nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a prescription by an advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority to require a physician name;

- (4.5) prescribing up to a 120-day supply of benzodiazepines without a consultation relationship with a physician; thereafter, continued prescription of benzodiazepines shall require a consultation with a physician; nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a prescription by an advanced practice registered nurse with full practice authority to require a physician name;
- (5) authority to obtain an Illinois controlled substance license and a federal Drug Enforcement Administration number; and
  - (6) use of only local anesthetic.

The scope of practice of an advanced practice registered

- 1 nurse does not include operative surgery. Nothing in this
- 2 Section shall be construed to preclude an advanced practice
- 3 registered nurse from assisting in surgery.
- 4 (d) The Department may adopt rules necessary to administer
- 5 this Section, including, but not limited to, requiring the
- 6 completion of forms and the payment of fees.
- 7 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize an
- 8 advanced practice registered nurse with full practice
- 9 authority to provide health care services required by law or
- 10 rule to be performed by a physician, including, but not
- limited to, those acts to be performed by a physician in
- 12 Section 3.1 of the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 102-75, eff. 1-1-22; 103-60, eff. 1-1-24.)
- 14 Section 653. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987
- is amended by changing Section 7.5 as follows:
- 16 (225 ILCS 95/7.5)
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)
- 18 Sec. 7.5. Written collaborative agreements; prescriptive
- 19 authority.
- 20 (a) A written collaborative agreement is required for all
- 21 physician assistants to practice in the State, except as
- provided in Section 7.7 of this Act.
- 23 (1) A written collaborative agreement shall describe
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collaborating physician and shall describe the categories of care, treatment, or procedures to be physician assistant. The written provided bу the collaborative agreement shall promote the exercise of professional judgment by the physician assistant commensurate with his or her education and experience. The services to be provided by the physician assistant shall be services that the collaborating physician is authorized to and generally provides to his or her patients in the normal course of his or her clinical medical practice. The written collaborative agreement need not describe the exact steps that a physician assistant must take with respect to each specific condition, disease, or symptom but must specify which authorized procedures require the presence of the collaborating physician as the procedures are being performed. The relationship under a written collaborative agreement shall not be construed to require the personal presence of a physician at the place where services are rendered. Methods of communication shall be available for consultation with the collaborating physician in person or by telecommunications or electronic communications as set forth in the written collaborative agreement. For the purposes of this Act, "generally provides to his or her patients in the normal course of his or her clinical medical practice" means services, not specific tasks or duties, the collaborating physician

routinely provides individually or through delegation to other persons so that the physician has the experience and ability to collaborate and provide consultation.

- (2) The written collaborative agreement shall be adequate if a physician does each of the following:
  - (A) Participates in the joint formulation and joint approval of orders or guidelines with the physician assistant and he or she periodically reviews such orders and the services provided patients under such orders in accordance with accepted standards of medical practice and physician assistant practice.
    - (B) Provides consultation at least once a month.
- (3) A copy of the signed, written collaborative agreement must be available to the Department upon request from both the physician assistant and the collaborating physician.
- (4) A physician assistant shall inform each collaborating physician of all written collaborative agreements he or she has signed and provide a copy of these to any collaborating physician upon request.
- (b) A collaborating physician may, but is not required to, delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant as part of a written collaborative agreement. This authority may, but is not required to, include prescription of, selection of, orders for, administration of, storage of, acceptance of samples of, and dispensing medical devices, over-the-counter

medications, legend drugs, medical gases, and controlled substances categorized as Schedule II through V controlled substances, as defined in Article II of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, and other preparations, including, but not limited to, botanical and herbal remedies. The collaborating physician must have a valid, current Illinois controlled substance license and federal registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration to delegate the authority to prescribe controlled substances.

- (1) To prescribe Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances under this Section, a physician assistant must obtain a mid-level practitioner controlled substances license. Medication orders issued by a physician assistant shall be reviewed periodically by the collaborating physician.
- (2) The collaborating physician shall file with the Department notice of delegation of prescriptive authority to a physician assistant and termination of delegation, specifying the authority delegated or terminated. Upon receipt of this notice delegating authority to prescribe controlled substances, the physician assistant shall be eligible to register for a mid-level practitioner controlled substances license under Section 303.05 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the delegation of tasks or duties by the collaborating physician to a nurse or other

appropriately trained persons in accordance with Section 54.2 of the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

- (3) In addition to the requirements of this subsection (b), a collaborating physician may, but is not required to, delegate authority to a physician assistant to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances, if all of the following conditions apply:
  - (A) Specific Schedule II controlled substances by oral dosage or topical or transdermal application may be delegated, provided that the delegated Schedule II controlled substances are routinely prescribed by the collaborating physician. This delegation must identify the specific Schedule II controlled substances by either brand name or generic name. Schedule II controlled substances to be delivered by injection or other route of administration may not be delegated.
    - (B) (Blank).
  - (C) Any prescription must be limited to no more than a 30-day supply, with any continuation authorized only after prior approval of the collaborating physician.
  - (D) The physician assistant must discuss the condition of any patients for whom a controlled substance is prescribed monthly with the collaborating physician.
    - (E) The physician assistant meets the education

- requirements of Section 303.05 of the Illinois
  Controlled Substances Act.
- (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the 3 delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a licensed 4 5 practical nurse, a registered professional nurse, or other persons. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the 6 7 method of delegation that may be authorized by any means, 8 including, but not limited to, oral, written, electronic, 9 standing orders, protocols, quidelines, or verbal orders. 10 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize a 11 physician assistant to provide health care services required 12 by law or rule to be performed by a physician. Nothing in this 13 Act shall be construed to authorize the delegation performance of operative surgery. Nothing in this Section 14 15 shall be construed to preclude a physician assistant from 16 assisting in surgery.
  - (c-5) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to any medication authority, including Schedule II controlled substances of a licensed physician assistant for care provided in a hospital, hospital affiliate, federally qualified health center, or ambulatory surgical treatment center pursuant to Section 7.7 of this Act.
- 23 (d) (Blank).

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- 24 (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit 25 generic substitution.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 103-65, eff. 1-1-24;

- 1 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)
- 2 Section 655. The Vital Records Act is amended by changing
- 3 Section 1 as follows:
- 4 (410 ILCS 535/1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 73-1)
- 5 Sec. 1. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise
- 6 requires:
- 7 (1) "Vital records" means records of births, deaths, fetal
- 8 deaths, marriages, dissolution of marriages, and data related
- 9 thereto.
- 10 (2) "System of vital records" includes the registration,
- 11 collection, preservation, amendment, and certification of
- 12 vital records, and activities related thereto.
- 13 (3) "Filing" means the presentation of a certificate,
- 14 report, or other record provided for in this Act, of a birth,
- death, fetal death, adoption, marriage, or dissolution of
- 16 marriage, for registration by the Office of Vital Records.
- 17 (4) "Registration" means the acceptance by the Office of
- 18 Vital Records and the incorporation in its official records of
- 19 certificates, reports, or other records provided for in this
- 20 Act, of births, deaths, fetal deaths, adoptions, marriages, or
- 21 dissolution of marriages.
- 22 (5) "Live birth" means the complete expulsion or
- 23 extraction from its mother of a product of human conception,
- 24 irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which after such

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- separation breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached.
  - (6) "Fetal death" means death prior to the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother the uterus of a product of human conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy; the , and which is not due to an abortion as defined in Section 1 10 of the Reproductive Health Act. The death is indicated by the fact that after such separation the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles.
  - (7) "Dead body" means a lifeless human body or parts of such body or bones thereof from the state of which it may reasonably be concluded that death has occurred.
- 17 (8) "Final disposition" means the burial, cremation, or 18 other disposition of a dead human body or fetus or parts 19 thereof.
- 20 (9) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
  21 medicine in Illinois or any other state.
- 22 (10) "Institution" means any establishment, public or 23 private, which provides in-patient medical, surgical, or 24 diagnostic care or treatment, or nursing, custodial, or 25 domiciliary care to 2 or more unrelated individuals, or to 26 which persons are committed by law.

- 1 (11) "Department" means the Department of Public Health of
- 2 the State of Illinois.
- 3 (12) "Director" means the Director of the Illinois
- 4 Department of Public Health.
- 5 (13) "Licensed health care professional" means a person
- 6 licensed to practice as a physician, advanced practice
- 7 registered nurse, or physician assistant in Illinois or any
- 8 other state.
- 9 (14) "Licensed mental health professional" means a person
- 10 who is licensed or registered to provide mental health
- 11 services by the Department of Financial and Professional
- 12 Regulation or a board of registration duly authorized to
- register or grant licenses to persons engaged in the practice
- of providing mental health services in Illinois or any other
- 15 state.
- 16 (15) "Intersex condition" means a condition in which a
- 17 person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy or
- 18 chromosome pattern that does not fit typical definitions of
- male or female.
- 20 (16) "Homeless person" means an individual who meets the
- 21 definition of "homeless" under Section 103 of the federal
- 22 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) or an
- 23 individual residing in any of the living situations described
- 24 in 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2).
- 25 (17) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means: (i) an
- 26 advanced practice registered nurse with full practice

- 1 authority; or (ii) an advanced practice registered nurse with
- 2 a collaborative agreement with a physician who has delegated
- 3 the completion of death certificates.
- 4 (18) "Certifying health care professional" means a
- 5 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice
- 6 registered nurse.
- 7 (19) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant who
- 8 practices in accordance with a written collaborative agreement
- 9 that includes the completion of death certificates.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19; 102-257, eff. 1-1-22;
- 11 102-844, eff. 1-1-23.)
- 12 Section 660. The Environmental Protection Act is amended
- by changing Section 56.1 as follows:
- 14 (415 ILCS 5/56.1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1056.1)
- 15 Sec. 56.1. Acts prohibited.
- 16 (A) No person shall:
- 17 (a) Cause or allow the disposal of any potentially
- infectious medical waste. Sharps may be disposed in any
- 19 landfill permitted by the Agency under Section 21 of this
- 20 Act to accept municipal waste for disposal, if both:
- 21 (1) the infectious potential has been eliminated
- from the sharps by treatment; and
- 23 (2) the sharps are packaged in accordance with
- 24 Board regulations.

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- (c) Beginning July 1, 1992, cause or allow the delivery of any potentially infectious medical waste to a person or facility for storage, treatment, or transfer that does not have a permit issued by the agency to receive potentially infectious medical waste, unless no permit is required under subsection (g) (1).
- (d) Beginning July 1, 1992, cause or allow the delivery or transfer of any potentially infectious medical waste for transport unless:
  - (1) the transporter has a permit issued by the Agency to transport potentially infectious medical waste, or the transporter is exempt from the permit requirement set forth in subsection (f)(l).
  - (2) a potentially infectious medical waste manifest is completed for the waste if a manifest is required under subsection (h).
- (e) Cause or allow the acceptance of any potentially infectious medical waste for purposes of transport, storage, treatment, or transfer except in accordance with Board regulations.
- (f) Beginning July 1, 1992, conduct any potentially infectious medical waste transportation operation:

1	(1) Without a permit issued by the Agency to
2	transport potentially infectious medical waste. No
3	permit is required under this provision (f)(1) for:
4	(A) a person transporting potentially
5	infectious medical waste generated solely by that
6	person's activities;
7	(B) noncommercial transportation of less than
8	50 pounds of potentially infectious medical waste
9	at any one time; or
10	(C) the U.S. Postal Service.
11	(2) In violation of any condition of any permit
12	issued by the Agency under this Act.
13	(3) In violation of any regulation adopted by the
14	Board.
15	(4) In violation of any order adopted by the Board
16	under this Act.
17	(g) Beginning July 1, 1992, conduct any potentially
18	infectious medical waste treatment, storage, or transfer
19	operation:
20	(1) without a permit issued by the Agency that
21	specifically authorizes the treatment, storage, or
22	transfer of potentially infectious medical waste. No
23	permit is required under this subsection (g) or
24	subsection (d)(1) of Section 21 for any:
25	(A) Person conducting a potentially infectious
26	medical waste treatment, storage, or transfer

1	operation for potentially infectious medical waste
2	generated by the person's own activities that are
3	treated, stored, or transferred within the site
4	where the potentially infectious medical waste is
5	generated.
6	(B) Hospital that treats, stores, or transfers
7	only potentially infectious medical waste
8	generated by its own activities or by members of
9	its medical staff.
10	(C) Sharps collection station that is operated
11	in accordance with Section 56.7.
12	(2) in violation of any condition of any permit
13	issued by the Agency under this Act.
14	(3) in violation of any regulation adopted by the
15	Board.
16	(4) In violation of any order adopted by the Board
17	under this Act.
18	(h) Transport potentially infectious medical waste
19	unless the transporter carries a completed potentially
20	infectious medical waste manifest. No manifest is required
21	for the transportation of:
22	(1) potentially infectious medical waste being
23	transported by generators who generated the waste by
24	their own activities, when the potentially infectious
25	medical waste is transported within or between sites

or facilities owned, controlled, or operated by that

- 2 (2) less than 50 pounds of potentially infectious
  3 medical waste at any one time for a noncommercial
  4 transportation activity; or
  - (3) potentially infectious medical waste by the U.S. Postal Service.
  - (i) Offer for transportation, transport, deliver, receive or accept potentially infectious medical waste for which a manifest is required, unless the manifest indicates that the fee required under Section 56.4 of this Act has been paid.
  - (j) Beginning January 1, 1994, conduct a potentially infectious medical waste treatment operation at an incinerator in existence on the effective date of this Title in violation of emission standards established for these incinerators under Section 129 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7429), as amended.
  - (k) Beginning July 1, 2015, knowingly mix household sharps, including, but not limited to, hypodermic, intravenous, or other medical needles or syringes or other medical household waste containing used or unused sharps, including, but not limited to, hypodermic, intravenous, or other medical needles or syringes or other sharps, with any other material intended for collection as a recyclable material by a residential hauler.
    - (1) Beginning on July 1, 2015, knowingly place

- household sharps into a container intended for collection by a residential hauler for processing at a recycling
- 3 center.

- 4 (B) In making its orders and determinations relative to
  5 penalties, if any, to be imposed for violating subdivision
  6 (A)(a) of this Section, the Board, in addition to the factors
  7 in Sections 33(c) and 42(h) of this Act, or the Court shall
  8 take into consideration whether the owner or operator of the
  9 landfill reasonably relied on written statements from the
  10 person generating or treating the waste that the waste is not
- 12 (C) Notwithstanding subsection (Λ) or any other provision
  13 of law, including the Vital Records Act, tissue and products
  14 from an abortion, as defined in Section 1-10 of the
  15 Reproductive Health Act, or a miscarriage may be buried,
  16 entombed, or cremated.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)

potentially infectious medical waste.

- Section 665. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Sections 9-1.2, 9-2.1, 9-3.2, and 12-3.1 as follows:
- 20 (720 ILCS 5/9-1.2) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-1.2)
- 21 Sec. 9-1.2. Intentional homicide of an unborn child.
- 22 (a) A person commits the offense of intentional homicide 23 of an unborn child if, in performing acts which cause the death 24 of an unborn child, he without lawful justification:

1	(1) either intended to cause the death of or do great
2	bodily harm to the pregnant woman individual or her unborn
3	child or knew that such acts would cause death or great
4	bodily harm to the pregnant woman individual or her unborn
5	child; or

- (2) knew that his acts created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to the pregnant woman individual or her unborn child; and
  - (3) knew that the woman individual was pregnant.
- (b) For purposes of this Section, (1) "unborn child" shall mean any individual of the human species from <u>fertilization</u> the implantation of an embryo until birth, and (2) "person" shall not include the pregnant woman whose unborn child is killed.
- (c) This Section shall not apply to acts which cause the death of an unborn child if those acts were committed during any abortion, as defined in Section 2 of the Illinois Abortion

  Law of 2025 Section 1 10 of the Reproductive Health Act, to which the pregnant woman individual has consented. This Section shall not apply to acts which were committed pursuant to usual and customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic testing or therapeutic treatment.
- (d) Penalty. The sentence for intentional homicide of an unborn child shall be the same as for first degree murder, except that:
  - (1) (blank);

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- 1 (2) if the person committed the offense while armed 2 with a firearm, 15 years shall be added to the term of 3 imprisonment imposed by the court;
  - (3) if, during the commission of the offense, the person personally discharged a firearm, 20 years shall be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;
  - (4) if, during the commission of the offense, the person personally discharged a firearm that proximately caused great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death to another person, 25 years or up to a term of natural life shall be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court.
- (e) The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to prohibit the prosecution of any person under any other provision of law.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 103-51, eff. 1-1-24.)
- 17 (720 ILCS 5/9-2.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-2.1)
- Sec. 9-2.1. Voluntary Manslaughter of an Unborn Child. (a) 18 19 person who kills an unborn child without lawful justification commits voluntary manslaughter of an unborn 20 21 child if at the time of the killing he is acting under a sudden 22 and intense passion resulting from serious provocation by the offender endeavors to 23 whom kill, but 24 negligently or accidentally causes the death of the unborn 25 child.

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- Serious provocation is conduct sufficient to excite an intense passion in a reasonable person.
- 3 (b) A person who intentionally or knowingly kills an 4 unborn child commits voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child 5 if at the time of the killing he believes the circumstances to 6 be such that, if they existed, would justify or exonerate the 7 killing under the principles stated in Article 7 of this Code, 8 but his belief is unreasonable.
- 9 (c) Sentence. Voluntary Manslaughter of an unborn child is 10 a Class 1 felony.
- 11 (d) For purposes of this Section, (1) "unborn child" shall
  12 mean any individual of the human species from the implantation
  13 of an embryo fertilization until birth, and (2) "person" shall
  14 not include the pregnant individual woman whose unborn child
  15 is killed.
  - (e) This Section shall not apply to acts which cause the death of an unborn child if those acts were committed during any abortion, as defined in Section 1 10 of the Reproductive Health Act, Section 2 of the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025, to which the pregnant individual woman has consented. This Section shall not apply to acts which were committed pursuant to usual and customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic testing or therapeutic treatment.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 25 (720 ILCS 5/9-3.2) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-3.2)

- Sec. 9-3.2. Involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide of an unborn child.
  - (a) A person who unintentionally kills an unborn child without lawful justification commits involuntary manslaughter of an unborn child if his acts whether lawful or unlawful which cause the death are such as are likely to cause death or great bodily harm to some individual, and he performs them recklessly, except in cases in which the cause of death consists of the driving of a motor vehicle, in which case the person commits reckless homicide of an unborn child.
- 11 (b) Sentence.
- 12 (1) Involuntary manslaughter of an unborn child is a Class 3 felony.
- 14 (2) Reckless homicide of an unborn child is a Class 3
  15 felony.
  - (c) For purposes of this Section, (1) "unborn child" shall mean any individual of the human species from <u>fertilization</u> the implantation of an embryo until birth, and (2) "person" shall not include the pregnant individual whose unborn child is killed.
    - (d) This Section shall not apply to acts which cause the death of an unborn child if those acts were committed during any abortion, as defined in Section 2 of the Illinois Abortion

      Law of 2025 1-10 of the Reproductive Health Act, to which the pregnant woman individual has consented. This Section shall not apply to acts which were committed pursuant to usual and

- 1 customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic
- 2 testing or therapeutic treatment.
- 3 (e) The provisions of this Section shall not be construed
- 4 to prohibit the prosecution of any person under any other
- 5 provision of law, nor shall it be construed to preclude any
- 6 civil cause of action.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 8 (720 ILCS 5/12-3.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 12-3.1)
- 9 Sec. 12-3.1. Battery of an unborn child; aggravated
- 10 battery of an unborn child.
- 11 (a) A person commits battery of an unborn child if he or
- 12 she knowingly without legal justification and by any means
- 13 causes bodily harm to an unborn child.
- 14 (a-5) A person commits aggravated battery of an unborn
- 15 child when, in committing a battery of an unborn child, he or
- she knowingly causes great bodily harm or permanent disability
- or disfigurement to an unborn child.
- 18 (b) For purposes of this Section, (1) "unborn child" shall
- 19 mean any individual of the human species from the implantation
- 20 of an embryo fertilization until birth, and (2) "person" shall
- 21 not include the pregnant <u>individual</u> <u>woman</u> whose unborn child
- 22 is harmed.
- 23 (c) Sentence. Battery of an unborn child is a Class A
- 24 misdemeanor. Aggravated battery of an unborn child is a Class
- 25 2 felony.

- (d) This Section shall not apply to acts which cause bodily harm to an unborn child if those acts were committed during any abortion, as defined in Section 1-10 of the Reproductive Health Act, Section 2 of the Illinois Abortion Law of 2025, to which the pregnant individual woman has consented. This Section shall not apply to acts which were committed pursuant to usual and customary standards of medical practice during diagnostic testing or therapeutic treatment.

  (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- Section 670. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by changing Section 8-802 as follows:
- 12 (735 ILCS 5/8-802) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-802)

Sec. 8-802. Physician and patient. No physician or surgeon shall be permitted to disclose any information he or she may have acquired in attending any patient in a professional character, necessary to enable him or her professionally to serve the patient, except only (1) in trials for homicide when the disclosure relates directly to the fact or immediate circumstances of the homicide, (2) in actions, civil or criminal, against the physician for malpractice, (3) with the expressed consent of the patient, or in case of his or her death or disability, of his or her personal representative or other person authorized to sue for personal injury or of the beneficiary of an insurance policy on his or her life, health,

or physical condition, or as authorized by Section 8-2001.5, 1 2 (4) in all actions brought by or against the patient, his or her personal representative, a beneficiary under a policy of 3 insurance, or the executor or administrator of his or her 5 estate wherein the patient's physical or mental condition is 6 an issue, (5) upon an issue as to the validity of a document as 7 a will of the patient, (6) (blank) in any criminal action where 8 the charge is either first degree murder by abortion, 9 attempted abortion, or abortion, (7) in actions, civil or 10 criminal, arising from the filing of a report in compliance 11 with the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, (8) to any 12 department, agency, institution or facility which has custody of the patient pursuant to State statute or any court order of 13 commitment, (9) in prosecutions where written results of blood 14 15 alcohol tests are admissible pursuant to Section 11-501.4 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, (10) in prosecutions where written 16 17 results of blood alcohol tests are admissible under Section 5-11a of the Boat Registration and Safety Act, (11) in 18 criminal actions arising from the filing of a report of 19 20 suspected terrorist offense in compliance with Section 29D-10(p)(7) of the Criminal Code of 2012, (12) upon the 21 22 issuance of a subpoena pursuant to Section 38 of the Medical 23 Practice Act of 1987; the issuance of a subpoena pursuant to Section 25.1 of the Illinois Dental Practice Act; the issuance 24 25 of a subpoena pursuant to Section 22 of the Nursing Home 26 Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act; or the issuance

- of a subpoena pursuant to Section 25.5 of the Workers'
- 2 Compensation Act, (13) upon the issuance of a grand jury
- 3 subpoena pursuant to Article 112 of the Code of Criminal
- 4 Procedure of 1963, or (14) to or through a health information
- 5 exchange, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Mental
- 6 Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, in
- 7 accordance with State or federal law.
- 8 Upon disclosure under item (13) of this Section, in any
- 9 criminal action where the charge is domestic battery,
- 10 aggravated domestic battery, or an offense under Article 11 of
- 11 the Criminal Code of 2012 or where the patient is under the age
- of 18 years or upon the request of the patient, the State's
- 13 Attorney shall petition the court for a protective order
- pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 415.
- 15 In the event of a conflict between the application of this
- 16 Section and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- 17 Confidentiality Act to a specific situation, the provisions of
- 18 the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- 19 Confidentiality Act shall control.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 21 Section 673. The Health Care Right of Conscience Act is
- 22 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:
- 23 (745 ILCS 70/3) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 5303)
- 24 Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the

context clearly otherwise requires:

- (a) "Health care" means any phase of patient care, including but not limited to, testing; diagnosis; prognosis; ancillary research; instructions; family planning, counselling, referrals, or any other advice in connection with the use or procurement of contraceptives and sterilization or abortion procedures; medication; or surgery or other care or treatment rendered by a physician or physicians, nurses, paraprofessionals or health care facility, intended for the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of persons; or an abortion as defined by the Reproductive Health Act;
- (b) "Physician" means any person who is licensed by the State of Illinois under the Medical Practice Act of 1987;
- (c) "Health care personnel" means any nurse, nurses' aide, medical school student, professional, paraprofessional or any other person who furnishes, or assists in the furnishing of, health care services;
- (d) "Health care facility" means any public or private hospital, clinic, center, medical school, medical training institution, laboratory or diagnostic facility, physician's office, infirmary, dispensary, ambulatory surgical treatment center or other institution or location wherein health care services are provided to any person, including physician organizations and associations,

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- networks, joint ventures, and all other combinations of those organizations;
  - (e) "Conscience" means a sincerely held set of moral convictions arising from belief in and relation to God, or which, though not so derived, arises from a place in the life of its possessor parallel to that filled by God among adherents to religious faiths;
  - (f) "Health care payer" means a health maintenance organization, insurance company, management services organization, or any other entity that pays for or arranges for the payment of any health care or medical care service, procedure, or product; and
- 13 (g) "Undue delay" means unreasonable delay that causes
  14 impairment of the patient's health.
  - The above definitions include not only the traditional combinations and forms of these persons and organizations but also all new and emerging forms and combinations of these persons and organizations.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- Section 675. The Rights of Married Persons Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows:
- 22 (750 ILCS 65/15) (from Ch. 40, par. 1015)
- Sec. 15. (a) (1) The expenses of the family and of the education of the children shall be chargeable upon the

- property of both husband and wife, or of either of them, in favor of creditors therefor, and in relation thereto they may be sued jointly or separately.
  - (2) No creditor, who has a claim against a spouse or former spouse for an expense incurred by that spouse or former spouse which is not a family expense, shall maintain an action against the other spouse or former spouse for that expense except:
  - (A) an expense for which the other spouse or former spouse agreed, in writing, to be liable; or
  - (B) an expense for goods or merchandise purchased by or in the possession of the other spouse or former spouse, or for services ordered by the other spouse or former spouse.
  - (3) Any creditor who maintains an action in violation of this subsection (a) for an expense other than a family expense against a spouse or former spouse other than the spouse or former spouse who incurred the expense, shall be liable to the other spouse or former spouse for his or her costs, expenses and attorney's fees incurred in defending the action.
  - (4) No creditor shall, with respect to any claim against a spouse or former spouse for which the creditor is prohibited under this subsection (a) from maintaining an action against the other spouse or former spouse, engage in any collection efforts against the other spouse or former spouse, including, but not limited to, informal or formal collection attempts, referral of the claim to a collector or collection agency for

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- collection from the other spouse or former spouse, or making any representation to a credit reporting agency that the other spouse or former spouse is any way liable for payment of the claim.
  - (b) (Blank). No spouse shall be liable for any expense incurred by the other spouse when an abortion is performed on such spouse, without the consent of such other spouse, unless the physician who performed the abortion certifies that such abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the spouse who obtained such abortion.
  - incurred by his or her minor child when an abortion is performed on such minor child without the consent of both parents of such child, if they both have custody, or the parent having custody, or legal quardian of such child, unless the physician who performed the abortion certifies that such abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the minor child who obtained such abortion.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 101-13, eff. 6-12-19.)
- 20 Article 99.

Section 9995. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that

- 1 text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the
- 2 changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any
- 3 other Public Act.
- 4 Section 9999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 5 becoming law.

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