## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### HB2577

Introduced 02/18/05, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2105/2105-15

was 20 ILCS 2105/60

Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department to assess the costs incurred in the prosecution of authorized disciplinary actions, including any disciplinary action against any license or authority authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department. Provides that the Department shall deny any license application or renewal authorized under any licensing Act administered by the Department to any person who has failed to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a field 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 the requirements of any such tax Act are satisfied, or until the person establishes a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Department of Revenue. Sets forth that a complaint filed with the Department of Revenue meeting certain requirements and attesting to the amount of the unpaid tax liability or the years for which a return was not filed, or both, is prima facia evidence of the licensee's failure to comply with the tax laws administered by the Department of Revenue. Provides for the enforcement of the suspensions of licenses for non-compliance with tax laws. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HB2577

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AN ACT concerning State government.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law of
the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
changing Section 2105-15 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-15) (was 20 ILCS 2105/60)

Sec. 2105-15. General powers and duties.

9 (a) The Department has, subject to the provisions of the 10 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the following powers and 11 duties:

12 (1) To authorize examinations in English to ascertain 13 the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise 14 the profession, trade, or occupation for which the 15 examination is held.

16 (2) To prescribe rules and regulations for a fair and
 17 wholly impartial method of examination of candidates to
 18 exercise the respective professions, trades, or
 19 occupations.

(3) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for
licenses, certificates, and authorities, whether by
examination, by reciprocity, or by endorsement.

(4) To prescribe rules and regulations defining, for 23 the respective professions, trades, and occupations, what 24 25 shall constitute a school, college, or university, or 26 department of a university, or other institution, 27 reputable and in good standing, and to determine the reputability and good standing of a school, college, or 28 29 university, or department of a university, or other 30 institution, reputable and in good standing, by reference to a compliance with those rules and regulations; provided, 31 that no school, college, or university, or department of a 32

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university, or other institution that refuses admittance to applicants solely on account of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin shall be considered reputable and in good standing.

5 (5) To conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke, 6 suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or 7 take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to 8 9 licenses, certificates, or authorities of persons 10 exercising the respective professions, trades, or 11 occupations and to revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, place 12 on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the 13 Department with regard to those licenses, certificates, or 14 The 15 authorities. Department shall issue a monthly 16 disciplinary report. The Department shall deny any license 17 or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to any person who has defaulted on an educational 18 loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the 19 20 Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of this State; however, the Department may issue a 21 license or renewal if the aforementioned persons have 22 23 established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other 24 25 of appropriate governmental agency this State. Additionally, beginning June 1, 1996, any license issued by 26 27 the Department may be suspended or revoked if the 28 Department, after the opportunity for a hearing under the appropriate licensing Act, finds that the licensee has 29 30 failed to make satisfactory repayment to the Illinois 31 Student Assistance Commission for a delinquent or 32 defaulted loan. For the purposes of this Section, "satisfactory repayment record" shall be defined by rule. 33 The Department shall refuse to issue or renew a license to, 34 or shall suspend or revoke a license of, any person who, 35 after receiving notice, fails to comply with a subpoena or 36

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warrant relating to a paternity or child support proceeding. However, the Department may issue a license or renewal upon compliance with the subpoena or warrant.

The Department, without further process or hearings, 4 5 shall revoke, suspend, or deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to 6 a person who is certified by the Illinois Department of 7 Public Aid as being more than 30 days delinquent in 8 complying with a child support order or who is certified by 9 10 a court as being in violation of the Non-Support Punishment 11 Act for more than 60 days. The Department may, however, issue a license or renewal if the person has established a 12 record as determined by 13 satisfactory repayment the Illinois Department of Public Aid or if the person is 14 determined by the court to be in compliance with the 15 16 Non-Support Punishment Act. The Department may implement 17 this paragraph as added by Public Act 89-6 through the use of emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of the 18 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For purposes of the 19 20 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the adoption of rules to implement this paragraph shall be considered an 21 emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety, 22 23 and welfare.

24 (5.1) To assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case, including costs associated with 25 time expended by investigators, attorneys, and other 26 27 employees of the Department, as part of any order revoking, suspending, refusing to renew, placing on probationary 28 status, or taking other disciplinary action against any 29 license, certificate, or authority authorized in any 30 31 licensing Act administered by the Department and as part of 32 any order concerning unlicensed practice authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department. The 33 Department shall promulgate rules for the administration 34 35 of the assessment required under this item.

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(6) To transfer jurisdiction of any realty under the

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control of the Department to any other department of the State Government or to acquire or accept federal lands when the transfer, acquisition, or acceptance is advantageous to the State and is approved in writing by the Governor.

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(7) To formulate rules and regulations necessary for the enforcement of any Act administered by the Department.

(8) To exchange with the Illinois Department of Public 7 Aid information that may be necessary for the enforcement 8 9 of child support orders entered pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of 10 11 Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, 12 Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform the 13 Enforcement of Support Act, Reciprocal the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, or the Illinois Parentage 14 Act of 1984. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to 15 16 the contrary, the Department of Professional Regulation shall not be liable under any federal or State law to any 17 person for any disclosure of information to the Illinois 18 19 Department of Public Aid under this paragraph (8) or for 20 any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this paragraph (8). 21

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(9) To perform other duties prescribed by law.

23 (b) The Department may, when a fee is payable to the Department for a wall certificate of registration provided by 24 25 the Department of Central Management Services, require that 26 portion of the payment for printing and distribution costs be 27 made directly or through the Department to the Department of 28 Central Management Services for deposit into the Paper and 29 Printing Revolving Fund. The remainder shall be deposited into 30 the General Revenue Fund.

31 (c) For the purpose of securing and preparing evidence, and 32 for the purchase of controlled substances, professional 33 services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities, 34 recoupment of investigative costs, and other activities 35 directed at suppressing the misuse and abuse of controlled 36 substances, including those activities set forth in Sections

1 504 and 508 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the 2 Director and agents appointed and authorized by the Director may expend sums from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund 3 4 that the Director deems necessary from the amounts appropriated 5 for that purpose. Those sums may be advanced to the agent when 6 the Director deems that procedure to be in the public interest. Sums for the purchase of controlled substances, professional 7 8 services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities 9 and other activities as set forth in this Section shall be 10 advanced to the agent who is to make the purchase from the 11 Professional Regulation Evidence Fund on vouchers signed by the 12 Director. The Director and those agents are authorized to 13 maintain one or more commercial checking accounts with any State banking corporation or corporations organized under or 14 15 subject to the Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and 16 withdrawal of moneys to be used for the purposes set forth in 17 this Section; provided, that no check may be written nor any withdrawal made from any such account except upon the written 18 19 signatures of 2 persons designated by the Director to write 20 those checks and make those withdrawals. Vouchers for those expenditures must be signed by the Director. 21 All such 22 expenditures shall be audited by the Director, and the audit 23 shall be submitted to the Department of Central Management 24 Services for approval.

(d) Whenever the Department is authorized or required by 25 consider some aspect of criminal history record 26 law to 27 information for the purpose of carrying out its statutory 28 powers and responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of 29 fees in conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 30 of the Department of State Police Law (20 ILCS 2605/2605-400), 31 the Department of State Police is authorized to furnish, 32 pursuant to positive identification, the information contained in State files that is necessary to fulfill the request. 33

(e) The provisions of this Section do not apply to private
 business and vocational schools as defined by Section 1 of the
 Private Business and Vocational Schools Act.

1 (f) Beginning July 1, 1995, this Section does not apply to 2 those professions, trades, and occupations licensed under the 3 Real Estate License Act of 2000, nor does it apply to any 4 permits, certificates, or other authorizations to do business 5 provided for in the Land Sales Registration Act of 1989 or the 6 Illinois Real Estate Time-Share Act.

(g) Notwithstanding anything that may appear in any 7 individual licensing statute or administrative rule, the 8 9 Department shall deny any license application or renewal authorized under any licensing Act administered by the 10 11 Department to any person who has failed to file a return, or to 12 pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as 13 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department 14 of Revenue, until such time as the requirement of any such tax 15 16 Act are satisfied; however, the Department may issue a license 17 or renewal if the person has established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Department of 18 Revenue. For the purpose of this Section, "satisfactory 19 20 repayment record" shall be defined by rule.

In addition, a complaint filed with the Department by the 21 Illinois Department of Revenue that includes a certification, 22 23 signed by its Director or designee, attesting to the amount of the unpaid tax liability or the years for which a return was 24 not filed, or both, is prima facia evidence of the licensee's 25 failure to comply with the tax laws administered by the 26 27 Illinois Department of Revenue. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, 28 immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee. 29 Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60 30 31 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order by 32 certified and regular mail to the licensee's last known address 33 as registered with the Department. The notice shall advice the 34 35 licensee that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the Department's order unless the Department 36

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| 1  | receives, from the licensee, a request for a hearing before the |
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| 2  | Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.       |
| 3  | Any suspension imposed under this subsection (g) shall be       |
| 4  | terminated by the Department upon notification from the         |
| 5  | Illinois Department of Revenue that the licensee is in          |
| 6  | compliance with all tax laws administered by the Illinois       |
| 7  | Department of Revenue.  |
| 8  | The Department shall promulgate rules for the                   |
| 9  | administration of this subsection (g).                          |
| 10 | (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-245, eff. 12-31-99;       |
| 11 | 91-613, eff. 10-1-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)                     |
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| 12 | Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon          |

13 becoming law.