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- 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4249 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 4249 on page 2, 3 immediately below line 5, by inserting the following: "Section 10. The Environmental Health Practitioner 4 5 Licensing Act is amended by changing Section 27 as follows: 6 (225 ILCS 37/27) 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2008) 8 Sec. 27. Renewals; restoration. (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each license 9 issued under this Act shall be set by rule. As a condition for renewal of a license, the licensee shall be required to
- issued under this Act shall be set by rule. As a condition for renewal of a license, the licensee shall be required to complete continuing education requirements as set forth in rules by the Department. Licensees who are 70 years of age or older and have been licensed under this Act for at least 4 years shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements.

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(b) A person who has permitted a license to expire for a period of less than 5 years may have the license restored by making application to the Department and filing proof, acceptable to the Department, of fitness to have the license restored. Proof may include (i) sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction that is satisfactory to the Department, (ii) complying with any continuing education requirements, and (iii) paying the required restoration fee.

(b-5) A person seeking restoration of a license that has been expired or placed on inactive status for a period of 5 years or more may have the license restored by making application to the Department and filing proof acceptable to the Department of fitness to have the license restored. Proof may include (i) sworn evidence of active practice in another jurisdiction, (ii) an affidavit attesting to military service of the type set forth in subsection (c) of this Section, (iii) proof of passage of the Environmental Health Proficiency Examination during the period in which the license lapsed or was placed on inactive status, or (iv) sworn evidence acceptable to the Department of lawful practice under the supervision of an environmental health practitioner licensed under this Act. Except as otherwise stated in this Section, an applicant for restoration under this Section must pay any restoration fees required under this Act and provide proof of meeting continuing education requirements during the 2-year period immediately prior to restoration.

(c) If the person has not maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department, the Board shall determine, by an evaluation program, established by rule, the person's fitness to resume active status. The Board may require the person to complete a period of evaluated clinical experience and successful completion of a practical examination.

However, a person whose license expired while (i) in federal service on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or called into service or training with the State Militia or (ii) in training or education under the supervision of the United States, preliminary to induction into the military service may have his or her license renewed or restored without paying any lapsed renewal fees if, within 2 years after honorable termination of the service, training, or education, except under conditions other than honorable, he or she furnishes the Department with satisfactory evidence to the effect that he or she has been so engaged and that the service, training, or education has been terminated.

- (d) A person who notifies the Department, in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, may place his or her license on inactive status and shall be excused from the payment of renewal fees until the person notifies the Department, in writing, of the intention to resume active practice.
  - (e) A person requesting his or her license be changed from

- 1 inactive to active status shall be required to pay the current
- 2 renewal fee and shall also demonstrate compliance with the
- 3 continuing education requirements.
- 4 (f) An environmental health practitioner whose license is
- 5 not renewed or whose license is on inactive status shall not
- 6 engage in the practice of environmental health in the State of
- 7 Illinois or use the title or advertise that he or she performs
- 8 the services of a "licensed environmental health
- 9 practitioner".
- 10 (g) A person violating subsection (f) of this Section shall
- 11 be considered to be practicing without a license and shall be
- subject to the disciplinary provisions of this Act.
- 13 (h) A license to practice shall not be denied any applicant
- 14 because of the applicant's race, religion, creed, national
- origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex, sexual
- orientation, or physical impairment that does not affect a
- person's ability to practice with reasonable judgment, skill,
- or safety.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 91-724, eff. 6-2-00.)".