

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Health Care Worker Background Check Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 65 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 46/65)

7 Sec. 65. Health Care Worker Task Force. A Health Care  
8 Worker Task Force shall be appointed to study and make  
9 recommendations on statutory changes to this Act.

10 (a) The Task Force shall monitor the status of the  
11 implementation of this Act and monitor complaint  
12 investigations relating to this Act by the Department on Aging,  
13 Department of Public Health, Department of Professional  
14 Regulation, and the Department of Human Services to determine  
15 the criminal background, if any, of health care workers who  
16 have had findings of abuse, theft, or exploitation.

17 (b) The Task Force shall make recommendations concerning  
18 modifications to the list of offenses enumerated in Section 25,  
19 including time limits on all or some of the disqualifying  
20 offenses, and any other necessary or desirable changes to the  
21 Act.

22 (c) In the event that proposed rules or changes are  
23 properly submitted to the Task Force and the Task Force fails

1 to advise the Department within 90 days after receipt of the  
2 proposed rules or changes, final action shall be deemed to have  
3 been taken by the Task Force concerning the proposed rules or  
4 changes ~~The Task Force shall issue an interim report to the~~  
5 ~~Governor and General Assembly no later than January 1, 2004.~~  
6 ~~The final report shall be issued no later than September 30,~~  
7 ~~2005, and shall include specific statutory changes~~  
8 ~~recommended, if any.~~

9 (d) The Task Force shall be composed of the following  
10 members, who shall serve without pay:

11 (1) a chairman knowledgeable about health care issues,  
12 who shall be appointed by the Governor;

13 (2) the Director of Public Health or his or her  
14 designee;

15 (3) the Director of State Police or his or her  
16 designee;

17 (3.5) the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or  
18 his or her designee;

19 (3.6) the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
20 designee;

21 (3.7) the Director of Aging or his or her designee;

22 (4) 2 representatives of health care providers, who  
23 shall be appointed by the Governor;

24 (5) 2 representatives of health care employees, who  
25 shall be appointed by the Governor;

26 (5.5) a representative of a Community Care homemaker

1 program, who shall be appointed by the Governor;

2 (6) a representative of the general public who has an  
3 interest in health care, who shall be appointed by the  
4 Governor; and

5 (7) 4 members of the General Assembly, one appointed by  
6 the Speaker of the House, one appointed by the House  
7 Minority Leader, one appointed by the President of the  
8 Senate, and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

9 Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 95th General Assembly, any vacancy created by the  
11 expiration or termination for any reason of the term of any  
12 member appointed by the Governor shall be filled in like manner  
13 by an appointee of the Director of Public Health.

14 (e) The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly, and more  
15 frequently at the discretion of the chairperson. Task Force  
16 members shall serve until a replacement is sworn and qualified.  
17 Nine members appointed to the Task Force constitutes a quorum.

18 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.