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| 1 | AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 642 |
| 2 | AMENDMENT NO Amend Senate Bill 642 by replacing |
| 3 | everything after the enacting clause with the following: |
| 4 | "Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law |
| 5 | of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by |
| 6 | changing Section 2105-165 as follows: |
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| 7 | (20 ILCS 2105/2105-165) |
| 8 | Sec. 2105-165. Health care worker licensure actions; sex |
| 9 | crimes. |
| 10 | (a) When a licensed health care worker, as defined in the |
| 11 | Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act, (1) has been convicted of |
| 12 | a criminal act that requires registration under the Sex |
| 13 | Offender Registration Act; (2) has been convicted of a criminal |
| 14 | battery against any patient in the course of patient care or |
| 15 | treatment, including any offense based on sexual conduct or |
| 16 | sexual penetration; (3) has been convicted of a forcible |

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1 felony; or (4) is required as a part of a criminal sentence to 2 register under the Sex Offender Registration Act, then, 3 notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the 4 license of the health care worker shall by operation of law be 5 permanently revoked without a hearing.

6 (a-1) If a licensed health care worker has been convicted of a forcible felony, other than a forcible felony requiring 7 registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act, and the 8 9 health care worker has had his or her license revoked, the 10 health care worker may petition the Department to restore his or her license. In determining whether a license shall be 11 restored, the Department shall consider, but is not limited to, 12 the following factors: 13

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(1) the seriousness of the offenses;

(2) the presence of multiple offenses;

(3) prior disciplinary history, including actions 16 taken by other agencies in this State or by other states or 17 jurisdictions, hospitals, health care facilities, 18 residency programs, employers, insurance providers, or any 19 20 of the armed forces of the United States or any state; 21 (4) the impact of the offenses on any injured party; 22 (5) the vulnerability of any injured party, including, but not limited to, consideration of the injured party's 23 24 age, disability, or mental illness; 25 (6) the motive for the offenses;

26 (7) the lack of contrition for the offenses;

| 1 | (8) the lack of cooperation with the Department or |
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| 2 | other investigative authorities; |
| 3 | (9) the lack of prior disciplinary action by the |
| 4 | Department or by other agencies in this State or by other |
| 5 | states or jurisdictions, hospitals, health care |
| 6 | facilities, residency programs, employers, insurance |
| 7 | providers, or any of the armed forces of the United States |
| 8 | <u>or any state;</u> |
| 9 | (10) contrition for the offenses; |
| 10 | (11) cooperation with the Department or other |
| 11 | investigative authorities; |
| 12 | (12) restitution to injured parties; |
| 13 | (13) whether the misconduct was self-reported; |
| 14 | (14) any voluntary remedial actions taken; and |
| 15 | (15) the date of conviction. |
| 16 | (b) No person who has been convicted of any offense listed |
| 17 | in subsection (a) or required to register as a sex offender may |
| 18 | receive a license as a health care worker in Illinois. |
| 19 | (c) Immediately after a licensed health care worker, as |
| 20 | defined in the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act, has been |
| 21 | charged with any offense for which the sentence includes |
| 22 | registration as a sex offender; a criminal battery against a |
| 23 | patient, including any offense based on sexual conduct or |
| 24 | sexual penetration, in the course of patient care or treatment; |
| 25 | or a forcible felony; then the prosecuting attorney shall |
| 26 | provide notice to the Department of the health care worker's |
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1 name, address, practice address, and license number and the patient's name and a copy of the criminal charges filed. Within 2 3 5 business days after receiving notice from the prosecuting 4 attorney of the filing of criminal charges against the health 5 care worker, the Secretary shall issue an administrative order 6 that the health care worker shall immediately practice only with a chaperone during all patient encounters pending the 7 outcome of the criminal proceedings. The chaperone must be a 8 9 licensed health care worker. The chaperone shall provide 10 written notice to all of the health care worker's patients 11 explaining the Department's order to use a chaperone. Each patient shall sign an acknowledgement that they received the 12 notice. The notice to the patient of criminal charges shall 13 14 include, in 14-point font, the following statement: "The health 15 care worker is presumed innocent until proven quilty of the 16 charges.". The licensed health care worker shall provide a written plan of compliance with the administrative order that 17 18 is acceptable to the Department within 5 days after receipt of administrative order. Failure to comply 19 the with the 20 administrative order, failure to file a compliance plan, or 21 failure to follow the compliance plan shall subject the health 22 care worker to temporary suspension of his or her professional 23 license until the completion of the criminal proceedings.

(d) Nothing contained in this Section shall act in any way
to waive or modify the confidentiality of information provided
by the prosecuting attorney to the extent provided by law. Any

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1 information reported or disclosed shall be kept for the confidential use of the Secretary, Department attorneys, the 2 investigative staff, and authorized clerical staff and shall be 3 4 afforded the same status as is provided information under Part 5 21 of Article VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure, except that 6 the Department may disclose information and documents to (1) a federal, State, or local law enforcement agency pursuant to a 7 subpoena in an ongoing criminal investigation or (2) 8 an 9 appropriate licensing authority of another state or 10 jurisdiction pursuant to an official request made by that 11 authority. Any information and documents disclosed to a federal, State, or local law enforcement agency may be used by 12 13 that agency only for the investigation and prosecution of a 14 criminal offense. Any information or documents disclosed by the 15 Department to a professional licensing authority of another 16 state or jurisdiction may only be used by that authority for investigations and disciplinary proceedings with regards to a 17 18 professional license.

19 (e) Any licensee whose license was revoked or who received 20 an administrative order under this Section shall have the revocation or administrative order vacated and completely 21 22 removed from the licensee's records and public view and the revocation or administrative order shall be afforded the same 23 24 status as is provided information under Part 21 of Article VIII 25 of the Code of Civil Procedure if (1) the charges upon which 26 the revocation or administrative order is based are dropped;

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1 (2) the licensee is not convicted of the charges upon which the 2 revocation or administrative order is based; or (3) any 3 conviction for charges upon which the revocation or 4 administrative order was based have been vacated, overturned, 5 or reversed.

6 (f) Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the 7 Department from initiating or maintaining a disciplinary 8 action against a licensee independent from any criminal 9 charges, conviction, or sex offender registration.

10 (g) The Department may adopt rules necessary to implement 11 this Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 97-156, eff. 8-20-11; 97-484, eff. 9-21-11; 13 97-873, eff. 7-31-12.)".