

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 Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing
5 Act is amended by changing Sections 27 and 30 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 37/27)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2019)

8 Sec. 27. Renewals; restoration.

9 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each license
10 issued under this Act shall be set by rule. As a condition for
11 renewal of a license, the licensee shall be required to
12 complete continuing education requirements as set forth in
13 rules by the Department. Licensees who are 70 years of age or
14 older and have been licensed under this Act for at least 4
15 years shall be exempt from the continuing education
16 requirements.

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

1 requirements, and (iii) paying the required restoration fee.

2 (c) A person seeking restoration of a license that has been
3 expired or placed on inactive status for more than 5 years may
4 have the license restored by making application to the
5 Department and filing proof, acceptable to the Department, of
6 fitness to have the license restored. Proof may include (i)
7 sworn evidence of active practice in another jurisdiction, (ii)
8 an affidavit attesting to military service as provided in
9 subsection (c) of this Section, (iii) proof of passage of the
10 environmental Health Proficiency Examination during the period
11 the license was lapsed or on inactive status, (iv) sworn
12 evidence of lawful practice under the supervision of an
13 Illinois-licensed Environmental Healthcare Practitioner in the
14 State of Illinois that is satisfactory to the Department, or
15 (v) proof of current certification, including continuing
16 education, from the National Environmental Health Association
17 Accreditation Council for environmental health curricula or
18 its equivalent as approved by the Department. An applicant for
19 restoration under this Section shall be required to pay any
20 restoration fees as required under this Act and provide proof
21 of meeting continuing education requirements during the 2 years
22 prior to restoration. ~~If the person has not maintained an~~
23 ~~active practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the~~
24 ~~Department, the Board shall determine, by an evaluation~~
25 ~~program, established by rule, the person's fitness to resume~~
26 ~~active status. The Board may require the person to complete a~~

1 ~~period of evaluated clinical experience and successful~~
2 ~~completion of a practical examination.~~

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

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

21 (e) A person requesting his or her license be changed from
22 inactive to active status shall be required to pay the current
23 renewal fee and shall also demonstrate compliance with the
24 continuing education requirements.

25 (f) An environmental health practitioner whose license is
26 not renewed or whose license is on inactive status shall not

1 engage in the practice of environmental health in the State of
2 Illinois or use the title or advertise that he or she performs
3 the services of a "licensed environmental health
4 practitioner".

5 (g) A person violating subsection (f) of this Section shall
6 be considered to be practicing without a license and shall be
7 subject to the disciplinary provisions of this Act.

8 (h) A license to practice shall not be denied any applicant
9 because of the applicant's race, religion, creed, national
10 origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex, sexual
11 orientation, or physical impairment that does not affect a
12 person's ability to practice with reasonable judgment, skill,
13 or safety as determined by the Department.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-724, eff. 6-2-00.)

15 (225 ILCS 37/30)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2019)

17 Sec. 30. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license as
18 a licensed environmental health practitioner, without the
19 required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws
20 of another state if the requirements for licensure in that
21 state are, on the date of granting the license, substantially
22 equal to the requirements of this Act. The Department shall
23 issue a license as a licensed environmental health practitioner
24 to any applicant who holds a Registered Environmental Health
25 Specialist/Registered Sanitarian credential in good standing

1 with the National Environmental Health Association. An
2 applicant under this Section shall pay all required fees.
3 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
4 complete the application process. If the process has not been
5 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the
6 fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the
7 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

8 (Source: P.A. 89-61, eff. 6-30-95.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2009.