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SB2496

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to change the repeal date of the Illinois Physical Therapy Act from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2031. Amends the Illinois Physical Therapy Act. Changes references from "Director" to "Secretary". Makes changes in provisions concerning legislative intent; definitions; physical therapy services; dry needling; licensure requirements; powers and duties of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act; duties and functions of the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Physical Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board; qualifications for licensure; license applications; examinations; restoration of expired licenses; inactive licenses; fees and returned checks; disciplinary actions; violations; investigations and hearings; confidentiality; and temporary suspension of a license. Adds provisions concerning the applicant's or licensee's address of record and email address of record. Makes other changes. Provides that the provisions amending the Regulatory Sunset Act are effective immediately.

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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 Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4.36 and by adding Section 4.41 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 80/4.36)

7 Sec. 4.36. Acts repealed on January 1, 2026. The following
8 Acts are repealed on January 1, 2026:

9 The Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and
10 Nail Technology Act of 1985.

11 The Collection Agency Act.

12 The Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act.

13 The Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act.

14 The Illinois Dental Practice Act.

15 The Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act.

16 ~~The Illinois Physical Therapy Act.~~

17 The Professional Geologist Licensing Act.

18 The Respiratory Care Practice Act.

19 (Source: P.A. 99-26, eff. 7-10-15; 99-204, eff. 7-30-15;
20 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 99-229, eff. 8-3-15; 99-230, eff. 8-3-15;
21 99-427, eff. 8-21-15; 99-469, eff. 8-26-15; 99-492, eff.
22 12-31-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

1 (5 ILCS 80/4.41 new)

2 Sec. 4.41. Act repealed on January 1, 2031. The following
3 Act is repealed on January 1, 2031:

4 The Illinois Physical Therapy Act.

5 Section 10. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended
6 by changing Sections 0.05, 1, 1.2, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 8.1,
7 8.5, 11, 12, 15, 16, 16.1, 17, 18, 19, 19.5, 22, 23, 24, 25,
8 26, 27, 29, 31, and 36 and by adding Sections 1.1 and 25.5 as
9 follows:

10 (225 ILCS 90/0.05)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

12 Sec. 0.05. Legislative Intent. This Act is enacted for the
13 purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare,
14 and for providing for State administrative control,
15 supervision, licensure, and regulation of the practice of
16 physical therapy. It is the legislature's intent that only
17 individuals who meet and maintain prescribed standards of
18 competence and conduct may engage in the practice of physical
19 therapy as authorized by this Act. This Act shall be liberally
20 construed to promote the public interest and to accomplish the
21 purpose stated herein. This Act does not prohibit a person
22 licensed under any other Act in this State from engaging in the
23 practice for which that person ~~he or she~~ is licensed or from
24 delegating services as provided for under that other Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 92-350, eff. 8-15-01.)

2 (225 ILCS 90/1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4251)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

4 Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act:

5 (1) "Physical therapy" means all of the following:

6 (A) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals who
7 may have mechanical, physiological, or developmental
8 impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or
9 other health and movement-related conditions, classifying
10 these disorders, determining a rehabilitation prognosis
11 and plan of therapeutic intervention, and assessing the
12 ongoing effects of the interventions.

13 (B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations,
14 or disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying
15 therapeutic interventions that may include, but are not
16 limited to, the evaluation or treatment of a patient
17 ~~person~~ through the use of the effective properties of
18 physical measures and heat, cold, light, water, radiant
19 energy, electricity, sound, and air and use of therapeutic
20 massage, therapeutic exercise, mobilization, dry needling,
21 and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive
22 devices and equipment, for the purposes of preventing,
23 correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental
24 impairment, functional limitation, or disability.

25 (C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment,

1 functional limitation, or disability, including the
2 promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and
3 wellness.

4 (D) Engaging in administration, consultation,
5 education, and research.

6 "Physical therapy" includes, but is not limited to: (a)
7 performance of specialized tests and measurements, (b)
8 administration of specialized treatment procedures, (c)
9 interpretation of referrals from physicians, dentists,
10 advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and
11 podiatric physicians, (d) establishment, and modification of
12 physical therapy treatment programs, (e) administration of
13 topical medication used in generally accepted physical therapy
14 procedures when such medication is either prescribed by the
15 patient's physician, licensed to practice medicine in all its
16 branches, the patient's physician licensed to practice
17 podiatric medicine, the patient's advanced practice registered
18 nurse, the patient's physician assistant, or the patient's
19 dentist or used following the physician's orders or written
20 instructions, (f) supervision or teaching of physical therapy,
21 and (g) dry needling in accordance with Section 1.5. "Physical
22 therapy" does not include practicing radiology,
23 electrosurgery, acupuncture, chiropractic technique or
24 providing a determination of a differential diagnosis;
25 provided, however, the limitation on determining a
26 differential diagnosis shall not in any manner limit a

1 physical therapist licensed under this Act from performing an
2 evaluation and establishing a physical therapy treatment plan
3 pursuant to such license. Nothing in this Section shall limit
4 a physical therapist from employing appropriate physical
5 therapy techniques that the physical therapist ~~he or she~~ is
6 educated and licensed to perform.

7 (2) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices
8 physical therapy and who has met all requirements as provided
9 in this Act.

10 (3) "Department" means the Department of Financial and
11 Professional Regulation.

12 (4) "Director" means the Director of the Division of
13 Professional Regulation of the Department of Financial and
14 Professional Regulation with the duties as designated by the
15 Secretary.

16 (5) "Board" means the Physical Therapy Licensing and
17 Disciplinary Board approved by the Secretary ~~Director~~.

18 (6) "Referral" means a written or oral authorization for
19 physical therapy services for a patient by a physician,
20 dentist, advanced practice registered nurse, physician
21 assistant, or podiatric physician who maintains medical
22 supervision of the patient and makes a diagnosis or verifies
23 that the patient's condition is such that it may be treated by
24 a physical therapist.

25 (7) (Blank).

26 (8) "State" includes:

1 (a) the states of the United States of America;

2 (b) the District of Columbia; and

3 (c) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

4 (9) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person licensed
5 to assist a physical therapist and who has met all
6 requirements as provided in this Act and who works under the
7 supervision of a licensed physical therapist to assist in
8 implementing the physical therapy treatment program as
9 established by the licensed physical therapist. The patient
10 care activities provided by the physical therapist assistant
11 shall not include the interpretation of referrals, evaluation
12 procedures, or the planning or major modification of patient
13 programs.

14 (10) "Physical therapy aide" means a person who has
15 received on the job training, specific to the facility in
16 which he is employed.

17 (11) (Blank). ~~"Advanced practice registered nurse" means a~~
18 ~~person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under~~
19 ~~the Nurse Practice Act.~~

20 (12) (Blank). ~~"Physician assistant" means a person~~
21 ~~licensed under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987.~~

22 (13) "Health care professional" means a physician,
23 dentist, podiatric physician, advanced practice registered
24 nurse, or physician assistant.

25 (14) "Address of record" means a designated address
26 recorded by the Department in the applicant's application file

1 or the licensee's license file as maintained by the
2 Department's licensure maintenance unit.

3 (15) "Email address of record" means a designated email
4 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
5 application file or the licensee's license file as maintained
6 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

7 (16) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
8 Professional Regulation.

9 (Source: P.A. 102-307, eff. 1-1-22.)

10 (225 ILCS 90/1.1 new)

11 Sec. 1.1. Address of record; email address of record. All
12 applicants and licensees shall:

13 (1) provide a valid address and email address to the
14 Department, which shall serve as the address of record and
15 email address of record, respectively, at the time of
16 application for licensure or renewal of a license; and

17 (2) inform the Department of any change to the address
18 of record or the email address of record within 14 days
19 after such change either through the Department's website
20 or by contacting the Department's licensure maintenance
21 unit.

22 (225 ILCS 90/1.2)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

24 Sec. 1.2. Physical therapy services.

1 (a) A physical therapist may provide physical therapy
2 services to a patient with or without a referral from a health
3 care professional.

4 (b) A physical therapist providing services without a
5 referral from a health care professional must notify the
6 patient's treating health care professional within 5 business
7 days after the patient's first visit that the patient is
8 receiving physical therapy. This does not apply to physical
9 therapy services related to fitness or wellness, unless the
10 patient presents with an ailment or injury.

11 (b-5) A physical therapist providing services to a
12 patient without a referral who has been diagnosed by a health
13 care professional as having a chronic disease that may benefit
14 from physical therapy must communicate at least monthly with
15 the patient's treating health care professional to provide
16 updates on the patient's course of therapy.

17 (b-10) A physical therapist providing services to a
18 patient with a referral who has been diagnosed by a health care
19 professional as having a chronic disease must communicate at
20 least monthly with the patient's referring health care
21 professional consistent with the plan of care established with
22 the referring health care professional.

23 (c) A physical therapist shall refer a patient to the
24 patient's treating health care professional of record or, in
25 the case where there is no health care professional of record,
26 to a health care professional of the patient's choice, if:

1 (1) the patient does not demonstrate measurable or
2 functional improvement after 10 visits or 15 business
3 days, whichever occurs first, and continued improvement
4 thereafter;

5 (2) the patient was under the care of a physical
6 therapist without a diagnosis established by a health care
7 professional of a chronic disease that may benefit from
8 physical therapy and returns for services for the same or
9 similar condition after 30 calendar days of being
10 discharged by the physical therapist; or

11 (3) the patient's condition, at the time of evaluation
12 or services, is determined to be beyond the scope of
13 practice of the physical therapist.

14 (d) Wound debridement services may only be provided by a
15 physical therapist with written authorization from a health
16 care professional.

17 (e) A physical therapist shall promptly consult and
18 collaborate with the appropriate health care professional
19 anytime a patient's condition indicates that it may be related
20 to temporomandibular disorder ~~so that a diagnosis can be made~~
21 ~~by that health care professional for an appropriate treatment~~
22 ~~plan.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 102-307, eff. 1-1-22.)

24 (225 ILCS 90/1.5)

25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

1 Sec. 1.5. Dry needling.

2 (a) For the purpose of this Act, "dry needling", also
3 known as intramuscular manual therapy, means an advanced
4 needling skill or technique limited to the treatment of
5 myofascial pain, using a single use, single insertion, sterile
6 filiform needle (without the use of heat, cold, or any other
7 added modality or medication), that is inserted into the skin
8 or underlying tissues to stimulate trigger points. Dry
9 needling may apply theory based only upon Western medical
10 concepts, requires an examination and diagnosis, and treats
11 specific anatomic entities selected according to physical
12 signs. Dry needling does not include the teaching or
13 application of acupuncture described by the stimulation of
14 auricular points, utilization of distal points or non-local
15 points, ~~needle retention, application of retained electric~~
16 ~~stimulation leads,~~ or other acupuncture theory.

17 (b) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
18 licensed under this Act may only perform dry needling after
19 completion of requirements, as determined by the Department by
20 rule, that meet or exceed the following: (1) 50 hours of
21 instructional courses that include, but are not limited to,
22 studies in the musculoskeletal and neuromuscular system, the
23 anatomical basis of pain mechanisms, chronic and referred
24 pain, myofascial trigger point theory, and universal
25 precautions; (2) completion of at least 30 hours of didactic
26 course work specific to dry needling; (3) successful

1 completion of at least 54 practicum hours in dry needling
2 course work; (4) completion of at least 200 supervised patient
3 treatment sessions; and (5) successful completion of a
4 competency examination. Dry needling shall only be performed
5 by a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical
6 therapist assistant.

7 (c) (Blank).

8 (d) (Blank).

9 (e) (Blank).

10 (Source: P.A. 102-307, eff. 1-1-22.)

11 (225 ILCS 90/2) (from Ch. 111, par. 4252)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

13 Sec. 2. Licensure requirement; exempt activities. ~~Practice~~
14 ~~without a license forbidden—exception.~~ No person shall after
15 the date of August 31, 1965 begin to practice physical therapy
16 in this State or hold oneself ~~himself~~ out as being able to
17 practice this profession, unless the person ~~he~~ is licensed as
18 such in accordance with the provisions of this Act. After July
19 1, 1991 (the effective date of Public Act 86-1396) ~~this~~
20 ~~amendatory Act of 1990~~, no person shall practice or hold
21 oneself ~~himself~~ out as a physical therapist assistant unless
22 the person ~~he~~ is licensed as such under this Act. A physical
23 therapist shall use the initials "PT" in connection with the
24 physical therapist's ~~his or her~~ name to denote licensure under
25 this Act, and a physical therapist assistant shall use the

1 initials "PTA" in connection with the physical therapist
2 assistant's ~~his or her~~ name to denote licensure under this
3 Act.

4 This Act does not prohibit:

5 (1) Any person licensed in this State under any other
6 Act from engaging in the practice for which the person ~~he~~
7 is licensed.

8 (2) The practice of physical therapy by those persons,
9 practicing under the supervision of a licensed physical
10 therapist and who have met all of the qualifications as
11 provided in Sections 7, 8.1, and 9 of this Act, until the
12 next examination is given for physical therapists or
13 physical therapist assistants and the results have been
14 received by the Department and the Department has
15 determined the applicant's eligibility for a license.
16 Anyone failing to pass said examination shall not again
17 practice physical therapy until such time as an
18 examination has been successfully passed by such person.

19 (3) The practice of physical therapy for a period not
20 exceeding 6 months by a person who is in this State on a
21 temporary basis to assist in a case of medical emergency
22 or to engage in a special physical therapy project, and
23 who meets the qualifications for a physical therapist as
24 set forth in Sections 7 and 8 of this Act and is licensed
25 in another state as a physical therapist.

26 (4) Practice of physical therapy by qualified persons

1 who have filed for endorsement for no longer than one year
2 or until such time that notification of licensure has been
3 granted or denied, whichever period of time is lesser.

4 (5) One or more licensed physical therapists from
5 forming a professional service corporation under the
6 provisions of the ~~"Professional Service Corporation Act"~~,
7 ~~approved September 15, 1969, as now or hereafter amended,~~
8 and licensing such corporation for the practice of
9 physical therapy.

10 (6) Physical therapy aides from performing patient
11 care activities under the on-site supervision of a
12 licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist
13 assistant. These patient care activities shall not include
14 interpretation of referrals, evaluation procedures, the
15 planning of or major modifications of, patient programs.

16 (7) Physical therapist assistants ~~Therapist Assistants~~
17 from performing patient care activities under the general
18 supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The physical
19 therapist must maintain continual contact with the
20 physical therapist assistant including periodic personal
21 supervision and instruction to ensure ~~insure~~ the safety
22 and welfare of the patient.

23 (8) The practice of physical therapy by a physical
24 therapy student or a physical therapist assistant student
25 under the on-site supervision of a licensed physical
26 therapist. The physical therapist shall be readily

1 available for direct supervision and instruction to ensure
2 ~~insure~~ the safety and welfare of the patient.

3 (9) The practice of physical therapy as part of an
4 educational program by a physical therapist licensed in
5 another state or country for a period not to exceed 6
6 months.

7 (10) (Blank). ~~The practice, services, or activities of~~
8 ~~persons practicing the specified occupations set forth in~~
9 ~~subsection (a) of, and pursuant to a licensing exemption~~
10 ~~granted in subsection (b) or (d) of, Section 2105-350 of~~
11 ~~the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil~~
12 ~~Administrative Code of Illinois, but only for so long as~~
13 ~~the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games Professional~~
14 ~~Licensure Exemption Law is operable.~~

15 (Source: P.A. 96-7, eff. 4-3-09; revised 8-6-24.)

16 (225 ILCS 90/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 4253)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

18 Sec. 3. Powers and duties of the Department. Subject to
19 the provisions of this Act, the Department shall:

20 1. Prescribe rules defining what constitutes a curriculum
21 for physical therapy that is reputable and in good standing.

22 2. Adopt rules providing for the establishment of a
23 uniform and reasonable standard of instruction and maintenance
24 to be observed by all curricula for physical therapy which are
25 approved by the Department; and determine the reputability and

1 good standing of such curricula for physical therapy by
2 reference to compliance with such rules, provided that no
3 school of physical therapy that refuses admittance to
4 applicants solely on account of race, color, creed, sex or
5 national origin shall be considered reputable and in good
6 standing.

7 3. Prescribe and publish rules for a method of examination
8 of candidates for licensed physical therapists and licensed
9 physical therapist assistants and for issuance of licenses
10 authorizing candidates upon passing examination to practice as
11 licensed physical therapists and licensed physical therapist
12 assistants.

13 4. Review application to ascertain the qualifications of
14 applicants for licenses.

15 5. Authorize examinations to ascertain the qualifications
16 of those applicants who require such examinations as a
17 component of a license.

18 6. Conduct hearings on proceedings to refuse to issue
19 licenses and to discipline persons who are licensed under this
20 Act and refuse to issue such licenses, and to discipline such
21 licensees, or to refuse to issue a license to any person who
22 has practiced physical therapy in violation of this Act, prior
23 to applying for a license.

24 7. Formulate rules required for the administration of this
25 Act.

26 8. (Blank). ~~Maintain a list of licensed physical~~

1 ~~therapists and licensed physical therapist assistants~~
2 ~~authorized to practice in the State. This list shall show the~~
3 ~~name of every licensee, his last known place of residence and~~
4 ~~the date and number of his or her license. Any interested~~
5 ~~person in the State may obtain a copy of that list on~~
6 ~~application to the Department and payment of the required fee.~~

7 9. Exercise the powers and duties prescribed by the Civil
8 Administrative Code of Illinois for the administration of
9 licensing Acts.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

11 (225 ILCS 90/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 4254)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

13 Sec. 4. Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The
14 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is hereby expressly
15 adopted and incorporated herein as if all of the provisions of
16 that Act were included in this Act, except that the provision
17 of subsection (d) of Section 10-65 of the Illinois
18 Administrative Procedure Act that provides that at hearings
19 the licensee has the right to show compliance with all lawful
20 requirements for retention, ~~or~~ continuation, or renewal of the
21 license is specifically excluded. For the purposes of this Act
22 the notice required under Section 10-25 of the Administrative
23 Procedure Act is deemed sufficient when mailed or emailed to
24 the last known address of a party.

25 (Source: P.A. 88-45.)

1 (225 ILCS 90/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 4256)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 6. Duties and functions of the Secretary ~~Director~~ and
4 Board. The Secretary ~~Director~~ shall appoint a Physical Therapy
5 Licensing and Disciplinary Board as follows: Seven persons who
6 shall be appointed by and shall serve in an advisory capacity
7 to the Secretary ~~Director~~. Six members must be actively
8 engaged in the practice of physical therapy in this State for a
9 minimum of 5 years and one member must be a member of the
10 public who is not licensed under this Act, or a similar Act of
11 another jurisdiction.

12 Members shall serve 4-year ~~4-year~~ terms and until their
13 successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall be
14 reappointed to the Board for a term which would cause his
15 continuous service on the Board to be longer than 9 successive
16 years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the
17 same manner as original appointments, for the unexpired
18 portion of the vacated term.

19 For the initial appointment of the Board, the Secretary
20 ~~Director~~ shall give priority to filling the public member
21 terms as vacancies become available.

22 Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in any
23 action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other
24 activities performed in good faith as members of the Board.

25 A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not impair

1 the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform
2 all the duties of the Board.

3 The members of the Board are entitled to receive as
4 compensation a reasonable sum as determined by the Secretary
5 ~~Director~~ for each day actually engaged in the duties of the
6 office and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in
7 attending the meetings of the Board.

8 The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect
9 representation from the geographic areas in this State.

10 The Secretary ~~Director~~ may terminate the appointment of
11 any member for cause which in the opinion of the Secretary
12 ~~Director~~ reasonably justifies such termination.

13 The Secretary ~~Director~~ shall consider the recommendations
14 of the Board on questions involving standards of professional
15 conduct, discipline and qualifications of candidates and
16 licensees under this Act.

17 Nothing shall limit the ability of the Board to provide
18 recommendations to the Secretary ~~Director~~ in regard to any
19 matter affecting the administration of this Act. The Secretary
20 ~~Director~~ shall give due consideration to all recommendations
21 of the Board. ~~If the Director takes action contrary to a~~
22 ~~recommendation of the Board, the Director shall promptly~~
23 ~~provide a written explanation of that action.~~

24 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

25 (225 ILCS 90/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

2 Sec. 8. Qualifications for licensure as a physical
3 therapist.

4 (a) A person is qualified to receive a license as a
5 physical therapist if that person has applied in writing, on
6 forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the required
7 fees, and meets all of the following requirements:

8 (1) The person ~~He or she~~ is at least 21 years of age
9 and of good moral character. In determining moral
10 character, the Department may take into consideration any
11 felony conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction
12 shall not operate automatically as a complete bar to a
13 license.

14 (2) The person ~~He or she~~ has graduated from a
15 curriculum in physical therapy approved by the Department.
16 In approving a curriculum in physical therapy, the
17 Department shall consider, but not be bound by,
18 accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in
19 Physical Therapy Education. A person who graduated from a
20 physical therapy program outside the United States or its
21 territories shall have the person's ~~his or her~~ degree
22 validated as equivalent to a physical therapy degree
23 conferred by a regionally accredited college or university
24 in the United States. The Department may establish by rule
25 a method for the completion of course deficiencies.

26 (3) The person ~~He or she~~ has passed an examination

1 approved by the Department to determine the person's ~~his~~
2 fitness for practice as a physical therapist, or is
3 entitled to be licensed without examination as provided in
4 Sections 10 and 11 of this Act. A person who graduated from
5 a physical therapy program outside the United States or
6 its territories and whose first language is not English
7 shall submit certification of passage of the Test of
8 English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of
9 Spoken English (TSE) as defined by rule prior to taking
10 the licensure examination.

11 (b) The Department reserves the right and may request a
12 personal interview of an applicant before the Board to further
13 evaluate the applicant's ~~his or her~~ qualifications for a
14 license.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-229, eff. 8-3-15.)

16 (225 ILCS 90/8.1) (from Ch. 111, par. 4258.1)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

18 Sec. 8.1. Qualifications for licensure as a physical
19 therapist assistant. A person is qualified to receive a
20 license as a physical therapist assistant if that person has
21 applied in writing, on forms prescribed by the Department, has
22 paid the required fees and:

23 (1) Is at least 18 years of age and of good moral
24 character. In determining moral character, the Department
25 may take into consideration any felony conviction of the

1 applicant, but such a conviction shall not operate
2 automatically as a complete bar to a license;

3 (2) Has graduated from a physical therapist assistant
4 program approved by the Department and attained, at a
5 minimum, an associate's degree from the program. In
6 approving such a physical therapist assistant program the
7 Department shall consider but not be bound by
8 accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in
9 Physical Therapy Education. Any person who graduated from
10 a physical therapist assistant program outside the United
11 States or its territories shall have the person's ~~his or~~
12 ~~her~~ degree validated as equivalent to a physical therapy
13 assistant degree conferred by a regionally accredited
14 college or university in the United States. The Department
15 may establish by rule a method for the completion of
16 course deficiencies; and

17 (3) Has successfully completed the examination
18 authorized by the Department. A person who graduated from
19 a physical therapist assistant program outside the United
20 States or its territories and whose first language is not
21 English shall submit certification of passage of the Test
22 of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of
23 Spoken English (TSE) as defined by rule prior to taking
24 the licensure examination.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

1 (225 ILCS 90/8.5)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 8.5. Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer
4 Identification Number on license application. In addition to
5 any other information required to be contained in the
6 application, every application for an original license under
7 this Act shall include the applicant's Social Security Number
8 or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, which shall be
9 retained in the agency's records pertaining to the license. As
10 soon as practical, the Department shall assign a customer's
11 identification number to each applicant for a license.

12 Every application for a renewal or restored license shall
13 require the applicant's customer identification number.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-400, eff. 1-1-12.)

15 (225 ILCS 90/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 4261)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

17 Sec. 11. Endorsement. The Department may, without
18 examination, grant a license under this Act to an applicant
19 who is licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist
20 assistant, without examination, on payment of the required
21 fee, an applicant for a license who is a physical therapist or
22 physical therapist assistant, as the case may be, licensed
23 under the laws of another jurisdiction upon filing of an
24 application on forms provided by the Department, paying the
25 required fee, and meeting such requirements as are established

1 by rule. The Department may adopt rules governing recognition
2 of education and legal practice in another jurisdiction,
3 requiring additional education, and determining when an
4 examination may be required.

5 An applicant for endorsement who has practiced for 10
6 consecutive years in another jurisdiction shall meet the
7 requirements for licensure by endorsement upon filing an
8 application on forms provided by the Department, paying the
9 required fee, and showing proof of licensure in another
10 jurisdiction for at least 10 consecutive years without
11 discipline by certified verification of licensure from the
12 jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced.

13 The Department may waive the English proficiency
14 examination by rule.

15 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
16 complete the application process. If the process has not been
17 completed in 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee
18 forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the
19 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

20 (Source: P.A. 100-893, eff. 8-14-18.)

21 (225 ILCS 90/12) (from Ch. 111, par. 4262)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

23 Sec. 12. Examinations. The Department shall examine
24 applicants for licenses as physical therapists or physical
25 therapist assistants at such times and places as it may

1 determine. At least 2 written examinations shall be given
2 during each calendar year for both physical therapists and
3 physical therapist assistants. The examination shall be
4 approved by the Department.

5 Following notification of eligibility for examination, an
6 applicant who fails to take the examination for a license
7 under this Act within 60 days of the notification or on the
8 next available exam date, if no exam is held within 60 days of
9 the notification, shall forfeit the ~~his or her~~ fee and the ~~his~~
10 ~~or her~~ right to practice as a physical therapist or physical
11 therapist assistant until such time as the applicant has
12 passed the appropriate examination. Any applicant failing the
13 examination 3 ~~three~~ times in any jurisdiction will not be
14 allowed to sit for another examination until the applicant has
15 presented satisfactory evidence to the Board of appropriate
16 remedial work as set forth in the rules and regulations.

17 If an applicant neglects, fails or refuses to take an
18 examination or fails to pass an examination for a license or
19 otherwise fails to complete the application process under this
20 Act within 3 years after filing an ~~his~~ application, the
21 application shall be denied. However, such applicant may make
22 a new application for examination accompanied by the required
23 fee, and must furnish proof of meeting qualifications for
24 examination in effect at the time of new application.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-229, eff. 8-3-15.)

1 (225 ILCS 90/15) (from Ch. 111, par. 4265)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 15. Restoration of expired licenses. A physical
4 therapist or physical therapist assistant who has permitted
5 the physical therapist's or physical therapist assistant's ~~his~~
6 ~~or her~~ license to expire or who has had the ~~his or her~~ license
7 on inactive status may have the ~~his or her~~ license restored by
8 making application to the Department and filing proof
9 acceptable to the Department of the licensee's ~~his or her~~
10 fitness to have the ~~his or her~~ license restored, including
11 sworn evidence certifying to active practice in another
12 jurisdiction satisfactory to the Department and by paying the
13 required restoration fee.

14 If the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
15 has not maintained an active practice in another jurisdiction
16 satisfactory to the Department, the Board shall determine, by
17 an evaluation program established by rule the licensee's ~~his~~
18 ~~or her~~ fitness to resume active status and may require the
19 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to complete
20 a period of evaluated clinical experience and may require
21 successful completion of an examination.

22 Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
23 whose license has been expired or placed on inactive status
24 for more than 5 years may have the ~~his or her~~ license restored
25 by making application to the Department and filing proof
26 acceptable to the Department of the physical therapist's or

1 physical therapist assistant's ~~his or her~~ fitness to have the
2 ~~his or her~~ license restored, including sworn evidence
3 certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction and by
4 paying the required restoration fee.

5 However, any physical therapist or physical therapist
6 assistant whose license has expired while the licensee ~~he~~ has
7 been engaged (1) in the federal service in active duty with the
8 Army of the United States, the United States Navy, the Marine
9 Corps, the Air Force, the Coast Guard, or the State Militia
10 called into the service or training of the United States of
11 America, or (2) in training or education under the supervision
12 of the United States preliminary to induction into the
13 military service, may have the ~~his~~ license restored without
14 paying any lapsed renewal fees or restoration fee, if, within
15 2 years after termination of such service, training, or
16 education, other than by dishonorable discharge, ~~he furnishes~~
17 the Department is furnished with an affidavit to the effect
18 that the physical therapist's or physical therapist assistant
19 ~~he~~ has been so engaged and that the physical therapist's or
20 physical therapist assistant's ~~his~~ service, training, or
21 education has been so terminated.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

23 (225 ILCS 90/16) (from Ch. 111, par. 4266)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

25 Sec. 16. Inactive Licenses. Any physical therapist or

1 physical therapist assistant who notifies the Department in
2 writing on forms prescribed by the Department, may elect to
3 place the physical therapist's or physical therapist
4 assistant's ~~his or her~~ license on an inactive status and
5 shall, subject to rules of the Department, be excused from
6 payment of renewal fees until the physical therapist or
7 physical therapist assistant ~~he or she~~ notifies the Department
8 in writing of the ~~his or her~~ desire to resume active status.

9 Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
10 requesting restoration from inactive status shall be required
11 to pay the current renewal fee and shall be required to restore
12 the ~~his or her~~ license, as provided in Section 15 of this Act.

13 Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
14 whose license is in an inactive status shall not practice
15 physical therapy in the State or present oneself as a physical
16 therapist or physical therapist assistant as ~~of Illinois and~~
17 that practice shall be deemed unlicensed practice.

18 (Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 1-1-96.)

19 (225 ILCS 90/16.1)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

21 Sec. 16.1. Fees; returned checks. The ~~Department shall~~
22 ~~provide by rule a schedule of~~ fees for the administration and
23 enforcement of this Act, including, but not limited to,
24 original licensure and ~~renewal~~ and restoration of a license
25 issued under this Act, shall be set by the Department by rule.

1 The fees shall be nonrefundable.

2 Any person who delivers a check or other payment to the
3 Department that is returned to the Department unpaid by the
4 financial institution upon which it is drawn shall pay to the
5 Department, in addition to the amount already owed, a fine of
6 \$50. The fines imposed by this Section are in addition to any
7 other discipline provided under this Act for unlicensed
8 practice or practice on a nonrenewed license. The Department
9 shall notify the person that fees and fines shall be paid to
10 the Department by certified check or money order within 30
11 calendar days after the notification. If, after the expiration
12 of 30 days from the date of the notification, the person has
13 failed to submit the necessary remittance, the Department
14 shall automatically terminate the license or certificate or
15 deny the application without a hearing. If, after termination
16 or denial, the person seeks a license or certificate, the
17 person shall apply to the Department for the restoration or
18 issuance of the license or certificate and pay the required
19 fees and fines to the Department. The Department may establish
20 a fee for the processing of an application for the restoration
21 of a license or certificate to recover all expenses of
22 processing the application. The Secretary may waive the fines
23 due under this Section in individual cases where the Secretary
24 finds that the fines would be unreasonable or unnecessarily
25 burdensome.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-454, eff. 1-1-00.)

1 (225 ILCS 90/17) (from Ch. 111, par. 4267)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 17. (1) The Department may refuse to issue or to
4 renew, or may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand,
5 or take other disciplinary action as the Department deems
6 appropriate, including the issuance of fines not to exceed
7 \$5000, with regard to a license for any one or a combination of
8 the following:

9 A. Material misstatement in furnishing information to
10 the Department or otherwise making misleading, deceptive,
11 untrue, or fraudulent representations in violation of this
12 Act or otherwise in the practice of the profession;

13 B. Violations of this Act, or of the rules or
14 regulations promulgated hereunder;

15 C. Conviction of any crime under the laws of the
16 United States or any state or territory thereof which is a
17 felony or which is a misdemeanor, an essential element of
18 which is dishonesty, or of any crime which is directly
19 related to the practice of the profession; conviction, as
20 used in this paragraph, shall include a finding or verdict
21 of guilty, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo
22 contendere;

23 D. Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of
24 obtaining licenses, or violating any provision of this Act
25 or the rules promulgated thereunder pertaining to

1 advertising;

2 E. A pattern of practice or other behavior which
3 demonstrates incapacity or incompetency to practice under
4 this Act;

5 F. Aiding or assisting another person in violating any
6 provision of this Act or Rules;

7 G. Failing, within 60 days, to provide information in
8 response to a written request made by the Department;

9 H. Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or
10 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
11 defraud or harm the public. Unprofessional conduct shall
12 include any departure from or the failure to conform to
13 the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing
14 physical therapy practice, in which proceeding actual
15 injury to a patient need not be established;

16 I. Unlawful distribution of any drug or narcotic, or
17 unlawful conversion of any drug or narcotic not belonging
18 to the person for such person's own use or benefit or for
19 other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes;

20 J. Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol,
21 narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug
22 which results in a physical therapist's or physical
23 therapist assistant's inability to practice with
24 reasonable judgment, skill or safety;

25 K. Revocation or suspension of a license to practice
26 physical therapy as a physical therapist or physical

1 therapist assistant or the taking of other disciplinary
2 action by the proper licensing authority of another state,
3 territory or country;

4 L. Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from
5 any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association
6 any fee, commission, rebate or other form of compensation
7 for any professional services not actually or personally
8 rendered. Nothing contained in this paragraph prohibits
9 persons holding valid and current licenses under this Act
10 from practicing physical therapy in partnership under a
11 partnership agreement, including a limited liability
12 partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation
13 under the Professional Service Corporation Act or from
14 pooling, sharing, dividing, or apportioning the fees and
15 monies received by them or by the partnership, company, or
16 corporation in accordance with the partnership agreement
17 or the policies of the company or professional
18 corporation. Nothing in this paragraph (L) affects any
19 bona fide independent contractor or employment
20 arrangements among health care professionals, health
21 facilities, health care providers, or other entities,
22 except as otherwise prohibited by law. Any employment
23 arrangements may include provisions for compensation,
24 health insurance, pension, or other employment benefits
25 for the provision of services within the scope of the
26 licensee's practice under this Act. Nothing in this

1 paragraph (L) shall be construed to require an employment
2 arrangement to receive professional fees for services
3 rendered;

4 M. A finding by the Board that the licensee after
5 having the ~~his or her~~ license placed on probationary
6 status has violated the terms of probation;

7 N. Abandonment of a patient;

8 O. Willfully failing to report an instance of
9 suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused
10 and Neglected Child Reporting Act;

11 P. Willfully failing to report an instance of
12 suspected elder abuse or neglect as required by the Elder
13 Abuse Reporting Act;

14 Q. Physical illness, including but not limited to,
15 deterioration through the aging process, or loss of motor
16 skill which results in the inability to practice the
17 profession with reasonable judgement, skill or safety;

18 R. The use of any words (such as physical therapy,
19 physical therapist physiotherapy or physiotherapist),
20 abbreviations, figures or letters with the intention of
21 indicating practice as a licensed physical therapist
22 without a valid license as a physical therapist issued
23 under this Act;

24 S. The use of the term physical therapist assistant,
25 or abbreviations, figures, or letters with the intention
26 of indicating practice as a physical therapist assistant

1 without a valid license as a physical therapist assistant
2 issued under this Act;

3 T. Willfully violating or knowingly assisting in the
4 violation of any law of this State relating to the
5 practice of abortion;

6 U. Continued practice by a person knowingly having an
7 infectious, communicable or contagious disease;

8 V. Having treated ailments ~~of human beings~~ otherwise
9 than by the practice of physical therapy as defined in
10 this Act, or having treated ailments ~~of human beings~~ as a
11 licensed physical therapist in violation of Section 1.2;

12 W. Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated report
13 by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant
14 to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, and upon
15 proof by clear and convincing evidence that the licensee
16 has caused a child to be an abused child or neglected child
17 as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
18 Act;

19 X. Interpretation of referrals, performance of
20 evaluation procedures, planning or making major
21 modifications of patient programs by a physical therapist
22 assistant;

23 Y. Failure by a physical therapist assistant and
24 supervising physical therapist to maintain continued
25 contact, including periodic personal supervision and
26 instruction, to ensure the ~~insure~~ safety and welfare of

1 patients;

2 Z. Violation of the Health Care Worker Self-Referral
3 Act.

4 (2) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee
5 is subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission as
6 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
7 Code operates as an automatic suspension. Such suspension will
8 end only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no
9 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission
10 and the issuance of an order so finding and discharging the
11 patient; and upon the recommendation of the Board to the
12 Secretary ~~Director~~ that the licensee be allowed to resume
13 practicing ~~his practice~~.

14 (3) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the
15 license of any person who fails to file a return, or to pay the
16 tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any
17 final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required by
18 any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of
19 Revenue, until such time as the requirements of any such tax
20 Act are satisfied.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18; 100-897, eff. 8-16-18.)

22 (225 ILCS 90/18) (from Ch. 111, par. 4268)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

24 Sec. 18. Violations; injunction; cease and desist order.

25 ~~Violations Injunction Cease and Desist Order.~~

1 (a) If any person violates the provision of this Act, the
2 Secretary ~~Director~~ may, in the name of the People of the State
3 of Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of
4 Illinois, or the State's Attorney in the county in which the
5 offense occurs, petition for an order enjoining such violation
6 or for an order enforcing compliance with this Act. Upon the
7 filing of a verified petition in such court, the court may
8 issue a temporary restraining order, without notice or bond,
9 and may preliminarily and permanently enjoin such violation.
10 If it is established that such person has violated or is
11 violating the injunction, the Court may punish the offender
12 for contempt of court. Proceedings under this Section shall be
13 in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies and
14 penalties provided by this Act.

15 (b) If any person shall practice as a physical therapist
16 or physical therapist assistant or hold oneself ~~himself~~
17 as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant without
18 being licensed under the provisions of this Act, then any
19 licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant,
20 any interested party, or any person injured thereby may, in
21 addition to the Secretary ~~Director~~, petition for relief as
22 provided in subsection (a) of this Section or may apply to the
23 Circuit Court of the county in which such violation or some
24 part thereof occurred, or in which the person complained of
25 has a ~~his~~ principal place of business or resides, to prevent
26 such violation. The court has jurisdiction to enforce

1 obedience by injunction or by other process restricting such
2 person complained of from further violation and enjoining upon
3 the person ~~him~~ obedience.

4 (c) Whenever, in the opinion of the Department, any person
5 violates any provision of this Act, the Department may issue a
6 rule to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not
7 be entered against the person ~~him~~. The rule shall clearly set
8 forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall
9 provide a period of 7 days from the date of the rule to file an
10 answer to the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to
11 answer to the satisfaction of the Department shall cause an
12 order to cease and desist to be issued immediately.

13 (Source: P.A. 86-1396.)

14 (225 ILCS 90/19) (from Ch. 111, par. 4269)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

16 Sec. 19. Investigations; notice and hearing. The
17 Department may investigate the actions of any applicant or of
18 any person or persons holding or claiming to hold a license.
19 The Department shall, before refusing to issue, to renew or
20 discipline a license pursuant to Section 17, at least 30 days
21 prior to the date set for the hearing, notify in writing the
22 applicant for, or holder of, a license of the nature of the
23 charges, that a hearing will be held on the date designated,
24 and direct the applicant or licensee to file a written answer
25 to the Board under oath within 20 days after the service of the

1 notice and inform the applicant or licensee that failure to
2 file an answer will result in default being taken against the
3 applicant or licensee and that the license or certificate may
4 be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or other
5 disciplinary action may be taken, including limiting the
6 scope, nature or extent of practice, as the Secretary ~~Director~~
7 may deem proper. Written notice may be served by personal
8 delivery or by ~~certified or registered~~ mail to the
9 respondent's ~~respondent~~ at the address of ~~his~~ last
10 notification to the Department or the licensee's email address
11 of record. In case the person fails to file an answer after
12 receiving notice, the ~~his or her~~ license or certificate may,
13 in the discretion of the Department, be suspended, revoked, or
14 placed on probationary status, or the Department may take
15 whatever disciplinary action deemed proper, including limiting
16 the scope, nature, or extent of the person's practice or the
17 imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or acts
18 charged constitute sufficient grounds for such action under
19 this Act. At the time and place fixed in the notice, the Board
20 shall proceed to hear the charges and the parties or their
21 counsel shall be accorded ample opportunity to present such
22 statements, testimony, evidence and argument as may be
23 pertinent to the charges or to their defense. The Board may
24 continue a hearing from time to time.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

1 (225 ILCS 90/19.5)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

3 Sec. 19.5. Confidentiality. All information collected by
4 the Department in the course of an examination or
5 investigation of a licensee or applicant, including, but not
6 limited to, any complaint against a licensee filed with the
7 Department and information collected to investigate any such
8 complaint, shall be maintained for the confidential use of the
9 Department and shall not be disclosed. The Department may not
10 disclose the information to anyone other than law enforcement
11 officials, other regulatory agencies that have an appropriate
12 regulatory interest as determined by the Secretary of the
13 Department, or a party presenting a lawful subpoena to the
14 Department. Information and documents disclosed to a federal,
15 State, county, or local law enforcement agency or regulatory
16 agency shall not be disclosed by the agency for any purpose to
17 any other agency or person. A formal complaint filed by the
18 Department against a licensee or applicant shall be a public
19 record, except as otherwise prohibited by law.

20 (Source: P.A. 99-229, eff. 8-3-15.)

21 (225 ILCS 90/22) (from Ch. 111, par. 4272)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

23 Sec. 22. Findings of the Board ~~and Recommendations~~. At the
24 conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall present to the
25 Secretary ~~Director~~ a written report of its findings and

1 recommendations. The report shall contain a finding whether or
2 not the accused person violated this Act or failed to comply
3 with the conditions required in this Act. The Board shall
4 specify the nature of the violation or failure to comply, and
5 shall make its recommendations to the Secretary ~~Director~~.

6 The report of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and
7 recommendations of the Board shall be the basis for the
8 Secretary's ~~Department's~~ order or refusal or for the granting
9 of a license or permit unless the Secretary determines
10 ~~Director shall determine~~ that the Board report is contrary to
11 the manifest weight of the evidence, in which case the
12 Secretary ~~Director~~ may issue an order in contravention of the
13 Board report. The finding is not admissible in evidence
14 against the person in a criminal prosecution brought for the
15 violation of this Act, but the hearing and finding are not a
16 bar to a criminal prosecution brought for the violation of
17 this Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

19 (225 ILCS 90/23) (from Ch. 111, par. 4273)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

21 Sec. 23. Report of the Board; motion for rehearing
22 ~~Rehearing~~. In any case involving the refusal to issue or
23 renew a license or the taking of disciplinary action against
24 ~~discipline of~~ a license, a copy of the Board's report shall be
25 served upon the respondent by the Department, either

1 personally or by mail to the respondent's address of record or
2 email address of record ~~or as provided in this Act for the~~
3 ~~service of the notice of hearing.~~ Within 20 days after such
4 service, the respondent may present to the Secretary
5 ~~Department~~ a motion in writing for a rehearing, which motion
6 shall specify the particular grounds therefor. If no motion
7 for rehearing is filed, then upon the expiration of the time
8 specified for filing such a motion, or if a motion for
9 rehearing is denied, then upon such denial the Secretary
10 ~~Director~~ may enter an order in accordance with recommendations
11 of the Board except as provided in Section 22 of this Act. If
12 the respondent shall order from the reporting service, and pay
13 for a transcript of the record within the time for filing a
14 motion for rehearing, the 20-day ~~20-day~~ period within which
15 such a motion may be filed shall commence upon the delivery of
16 the transcript to the respondent.

17 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

18 (225 ILCS 90/24) (from Ch. 111, par. 4274)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

20 Sec. 24. Rehearing. ~~Director~~ ~~Rehearing.~~ Upon a finding
21 by the Secretary ~~Whenever the Director is satisfied~~ that
22 substantial justice has not been done in the revocation,
23 suspension, or refusal to issue or renew a license, the
24 Secretary ~~Director~~ may order a rehearing by the same or other
25 examiners.

1 (Source: P.A. 84-595.)

2 (225 ILCS 90/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 4275)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

4 Sec. 25. Appointment of a Hearing Officer. The Secretary
5 ~~Director~~ shall have the authority to appoint any attorney duly
6 licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as
7 the hearing officer in any action for refusal to issue, renew
8 or discipline of a license or permit. The hearing officer
9 shall have full authority to conduct the hearing. At least one
10 member of the Board shall attend each hearing. The hearing
11 officer shall report the hearing officer's ~~his~~ findings and
12 recommendations to the Board and the Secretary ~~Director~~. The
13 Board shall have 60 days from receipt of the report to review
14 the report of the hearing officer and present their findings
15 of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the
16 Secretary ~~Director~~. If the Board fails to present its report
17 within the 60-day ~~60-day~~ period, the Secretary ~~Director~~ shall
18 issue an order based on the report of the hearing officer. If
19 the Secretary ~~Director~~ determines that the Board's report is
20 contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence, the Secretary
21 ~~he~~ may issue an order in contravention of the Board's report.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

23 (225 ILCS 90/25.5 new)

24 Sec. 25.5. Certification of record. The Department shall

1 not be required to certify any record to a court, file any
2 answer in court, or otherwise appear in court in a judicial
3 review proceeding, unless the Department has received from the
4 plaintiff payment of the costs of furnishing and certifying
5 the record. The costs of furnishing and certifying a record
6 shall be determined by the Department. Failure on the part of
7 the plaintiff to file a receipt in court shall be grounds for
8 dismissal of the action.

9 (225 ILCS 90/26) (from Ch. 111, par. 4276)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

11 Sec. 26. Order or certified copy; prima facie proof. An
12 order or a certified copy thereof, over the seal of the
13 Department and purporting to be signed by the Secretary or
14 Director, shall be prima facie proof that:

15 (a) the signature is the genuine signature of the
16 Secretary or Director, respectively;

17 (b) the Secretary or Director, respectively, is duly
18 appointed and qualified; and

19 (c) the Board and the members thereof are qualified to
20 act.

21 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

22 (225 ILCS 90/29) (from Ch. 111, par. 4279)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

24 Sec. 29. Temporary Suspension of a License. The Secretary

1 ~~Director~~ may temporarily suspend the license of a physical
2 therapist or physical therapist assistant without a hearing,
3 simultaneously with the institution of proceedings for a
4 hearing provided for in Section 19 of this Act, if the
5 Secretary ~~Director~~ finds that evidence ~~in his possession~~
6 indicates that a physical therapist's or a physical therapist
7 assistant's continuation in practice would constitute an
8 imminent danger to the public. In the event that the Secretary
9 ~~Director~~ suspends, temporarily, the license of a physical
10 therapist or physical therapist assistant without a hearing, a
11 hearing by the Board must be held within 30 calendar days after
12 such suspension has occurred.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-651, eff. 1-1-06.)

14 (225 ILCS 90/31) (from Ch. 111, par. 4281)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

16 Sec. 31. Violations.

17 (a) Any person who is found to have violated any provision
18 of this Act is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first
19 offense and a Class 4 felony for the second and any subsequent
20 offense.

21 (b) Any person or company representing itself ~~himself or~~
22 ~~herself~~ or advertising as a physical therapist or that the
23 services the person or company ~~he or she~~ renders are physical
24 therapy, or who uses any words, such as physical therapy,
25 physical therapist, physiotherapy, or physiotherapist,

1 abbreviations, figures, or letters, such as "PT", "DPT",
2 "MPT", "RPT", "LPT", or "PTA", indicating that the person or
3 company ~~he or she~~ is engaged in the practice of physical
4 therapy when the person or company ~~he or she~~ does not possess a
5 currently valid license as defined herein, commits a Class A
6 misdemeanor, for a first offense, and a Class 4 felony for a
7 second or subsequent offense.

8 (c) Any person representing oneself ~~himself or herself~~ or
9 advertising as a physical therapist assistant or that the
10 services the person ~~he or she~~ renders are physical therapy, or
11 who uses any words, such as physical therapy or physical
12 therapist assistant, abbreviations, figures, or letters, such
13 as "PT", "DPT", "MPT", "RPT", "LPT", or "PTA", indicating that
14 the person ~~he or she~~ is engaged in the practice of physical
15 therapy when the person ~~he or she~~ does not possess a currently
16 valid license as defined herein, commits a Class A misdemeanor
17 for a first offense, and a Class 4 felony for a second or
18 subsequent offense.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-1010, eff. 8-24-04.)

20 (225 ILCS 90/36) (from Ch. 111, par. 4286)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

22 Sec. 36. Home rule; exclusive ~~Exclusive~~ jurisdiction. The
23 regulation and licensing of physical therapists and physical
24 therapist assistants are exclusive powers and functions of the
25 State. A home rule unit may not regulate or license physical

1 therapists or physical therapist assistants. This Section is a
2 denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under
3 subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois
4 Constitution.

5 (Source: P.A. 85-342; 86-1396.)

6 (225 ILCS 90/32.1 rep.)

7 Section 15. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended
8 by repealing Section 32.1.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Section and Section 5
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