

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 Nurse Practice Act is amended by adding
5 Section 50-28 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/50-28 new)

7 Sec. 50-28. Qualifications for licensure; temporary
8 suspension.

9 (a) In order to protect the public and ensure safe and
10 adequate health care services, if the Department finds that
11 any person licensed or authorized to practice under this Act
12 was not properly credentialed pursuant to the standards
13 required at the time of application, the Department may
14 temporarily suspend the person's license or authorization to
15 practice without prior hearing until the Department receives
16 satisfactory evidence of the licensee's overall
17 qualifications.

18 (b) The Department shall notify the licensee of the
19 temporary suspension at the licensee's address of record or
20 email address of record. The licensee may request that the
21 Board review the validity of the license within 30 days after
22 the service of the notice and shall submit written evidence in
23 support of the licensee's qualifications with the request for

1 review. The licensee may seek an extension of time to provide
2 such evidence, during which the suspension shall remain in
3 effect. The Board, at its next regularly scheduled meeting,
4 shall review the request and any written evidence provided by
5 the licensee and make a final recommendation regarding the
6 licensee's qualifications to the Director of the Division of
7 Professional Regulation of the Department.

8 (c) Based upon the Board's final recommendation, the
9 Director of the Division of Professional Regulation may issue
10 an order withdrawing the license due to the licensee's lack of
11 qualifications or lift the suspension of the license by
12 stipulating terms and conditions of practice. Withdrawal of
13 the license alone shall not constitute discipline or be a bar
14 to licensure if the licensee makes a subsequent reapplication
15 that meets the qualifications under this Act.

16 (d) Disciplinary proceedings may also be initiated
17 pursuant to the Board's recommendation or Department findings
18 and shall be conducted in the same manner as other
19 disciplinary proceedings under this Act.

20 (e) The Department may adopt rules to implement,
21 administer, and enforce this Section.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.