

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3834

Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Melinda Bush

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2105/2105-15.5

Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall require each licensee to complete sexual harassment prevention training provided by the licensee's employer, the Department of Human Rights, or any continuing education provider authorized to provide continuing education under an Act administered by the Department in accordance of the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that the training shall be completed, at a minimum, prior to a licensee's renewal of his or her license. Provides that the Department shall not refuse to renew a license if a license does not complete the training requirements. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

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

- Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section 2105-15.5 as follows:
- 7 (20 ILCS 2105/2105-15.5)
- 8 Sec. 2105-15.5. Continuing education; sexual harassment 9 prevention training.
 - (a) The Department shall require each licensee to complete sexual harassment prevention training provided by the licensee's employer, the Department of Human Rights, or any continuing education provider authorized to provide continuing education under an Act administered by the Department in accordance with Section 2-109 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

 The training shall be completed, at a minimum, prior to a licensee's renewal of his or her license. The Department shall not refuse to renew a license if a license does not complete the training requirements in this subsection (a). As used in this Section, "sexual harassment" means any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature when: (i) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an

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individual's employment; (ii) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (iii) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. For the purpose of this definition, "working environment" is not limited to a physical location that an employee is assigned to perform his or her duties and does not require an employment

- (b) The Department may adopt rules for the implementation of this Section. For license renewals occurring on or after January 1, 2020 for a profession that has continuing education requirements, the required continuing education hours shall include at least one hour of sexual harassment prevention training.
- 17 (c) (Blank). The Department may adopt rules for the implementation of this Section.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 100-762, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.